

Duke of Norfolk stands by speech attacking Catholic birth control ban

By Clifford Langley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Duke of Norfolk said yesterday that he stood by his criticism of the Roman Catholic Church's official ban on artificial birth control, but he "very much regretted" that he had embarrassed Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, by making it.

A Catholic newspaper *The Universe* reported yesterday the address given by the duke, the senior Catholic layman in Britain, to a Catholic teachers' conference last weekend. In a wide-ranging and at times light-hearted review of the state of the church, he told *The Times* yesterday, he had said that the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* was "nonsense". In the document issued in 1968, Pope Paul VI reiterated the church's opposition to contraception.

The duke, a retired major-general, used soldier's language to the conference, referring to contraceptives as "French terms" and to the sexual

frustrations of married men. He said he had "not realized it was being reported".

In 1980 at the Roman Catholic pastoral congress in Liverpool, he took part in the discussion of sex and marriage.

He said the feeling clearly was that lay people wanted church teaching "corrected", and he had told Cardinal Hume so himself.

The duke said that the issue of contraception was one of a series of issues in which the Roman Catholic Church had found it impossible to admit it had made a mistake.

He added: "Another thing where I think the church simply must get it right is *Humanae Vitae*, because I said quite openly they allowed people to limit the size of families by the Billings [rhythm] method, and so on, but if you do it with other means, condoms and pills and so on, you are not allowed to do it. But you are allowed to cut

it. It was said on Cardinal Hume's behalf that he was making no comment on the matter.

Ward infection may have killed patients

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Some patients may have died and more than 190 have been infected by a bacteria which has been breeding in a hospital for almost two years and is resistant to most commonly used antibiotics.

An isolation ward has been used for three months at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, in an attempt to contain the infection, which frequently occurs in wounds. Eleven patients are now in isolation.

The hospital's microbiologists have tried various techniques to control it. The hospital administration believes the worst may now be over thanks to isolation techniques and antibiotics to which the bacteria is less resistant.

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Labour captures Birmingham and Liberals make gains

The following results were recorded in Thursday's local elections in England, Scotland and Wales.

Abbreviations used in the results include: C (Conservative), Lab (Labour), L (Liberal), SDP (Social Democratic Party), Ind (Independent), SNP (Scottish National Party), PC (Plaid Cymru), R (Ratepayers), Comm (Communist).

Metropolitan districts

BARNESLEY (LAB): Lab 20, C 1, Ind 1. Lab gained 1 from Ratepayers. Ind gained 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 30, C 3, L 2. Ratepayers 1. Ind 1. No change.

BIRMINGHAM (C): C 13, Lab 24, L 1. SDP 1. Lab gained 6 from C. Ind gained 1 from C. SDP gained 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 61, C 52, SDP 1.

Lab gain control

BOLTON (Lab): Lab 13, C 6, L 2. Lab gained 1 from C. Ind gained 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 36, C 20, L 4. No change.

BRADFORD (None): C 12, Lab 17, L 2. C gained 2 from Lab. Lab gained 1 from C. New council: C 44, Lab 40, L 5, SDP 5. No change.

BURY (C): Lab 11, C 5. Lab gained 3 from C. Gained 2 from Lab. New council: C 26, Lab 22. No change.

CALDERDALE (none): C 4, Lab 8, L 7. Gained 3 from C and from Lab. Lab gained 1 from L. New council: Lab 22, C 16, L 14. Ind 1. L 1. vacant. No change.

CENTRUM (LAB): Lab 14, C 5. Lab gained 1 from C. New council: Lab 44, C 20. No change.

DONCASTER (Lab): Lab 18, C 3, L 1. New council: Lab 51, C 11, L 1. No change.

DUDLEY (C): Lab 16, C 8. Lab gained 6 from C. New council: Lab 36, C 35, SDP 1.

GATESHEAD (Lab): Lab 31, C 2. Lab gained 1 from Ind. New council: Lab 57, C 7, L 1. Ind 1. No change.

KIRKLEES (Lab): Lab 14, C 5, L 4. SDP 1. Lab gained 3 from C. Ind gained 2 from Lab. Gained 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 37, C 18, L 14. SDP 3. No change.

KNOWSLEY (Lab): Lab 20, C 4. No party gains. New council: Lab 56, C 8, L 7. No change.

LEEDS (Lab): Lab 20, C 8, L 3. SDP 1. Ind 1. Gained 1 from SDP. Ind 1 from Lab. New council: C 53, C 11, L 1. SDP 1, Ind 1. No change.

LIVERPOOL (Lab): Lab 21, L 10, C 3. Lab gained 6 from L and 1 from C. Gained 4 from C. New council: Lab 58, C 38, C 13. No change.

MANCHESTER (Lab): Lab 29, C 4, L 2. Lab gained 7 from C. Ind gained 1 from C. New council: Lab 79, C 14, L 6. No change.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (Lab): Lab 17, C 6, L 4. SDP 1. Lab gained 2 from C. Gained 3 from SDP. Ind 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 45, C 22, L 9, SDP 2. No change.

NORTH TYNESEIDE (Lab): Lab 12, C 6, L 1. SDP 1. Lab gained 1 from C. New council: Lab 33, C 20, L 3. SDP 2. Ind 1. 1. vacant. No change.

OLDHAM (Lab): Lab 15, C 5, L 1. Lab gained 1 from C. Ind gained 1 from C. New council: Lab 40, C 16, L 4. No change.

ROCHDALE (None): Lab 13, C 5, L 3. Gained 1 from Lab. Lab gained 1 from C and from SDP. New council: Lab 28, C 17, L 13. SDP 2. No change.

ROTHERHAM (Lab): Lab 22, C 1. No party gains. Lab 60, C 4, SDP 2. No change.

ST HELENS (Lab): Lab 15, C 3. Lab gained 2 from SDP. New council: Lab 41, C 10, L 3. No change.

SALFORD (Lab): Lab 20, C 1. Lab gained 5 from C. Ind from SDP. Lab 53, C 6, L 1. No change.

SANDWELL (Lab): Lab 18, C 4, L 2. Gained 1 from Lab. Lab gained 1 from C. New council: C 13, Lab 52, L 6. 1. vacant. No change.

SEFTON (C): C 12, Lab 8, L 4. Gained 3 from C. Lab gained 1 from New council: C 36, Lab 22, L 9. SDP 1, Ind 1. No change.

SHEFFIELD (Lab): Lab 22, C 5, L 4. Lab gained 1 C and 1 from L. Gained 1 from Lab. New council: No change.

SOUTH TYNESEIDE (Lab): Lab 16, Progressive Party 3, C 1. Lab gained 1 from SDP. New council: Lab 47, Progressive Party 9, C 3, L 1. No change.

STOCKPORT (None): Lab 7, C 11, L 2. Ind 1. Lab gained 3 from C. Lab gained 1 from L. Gained 1 from Lab. New council: C 28, Lab 17, L 15, Ind 3. No change.

SUNDERLAND (Lab): Lab 19, C 3, L 2. Lab gained 1 from C. New council: Lab 53, C 12, L 6, SDP 1. Ind 2, 1. vacant. No change.

TAMESIDE (Lab): Lab 16, C 2, L 1. Lab gained 1 from C. New council: Lab 45, C 9, L 3. No change.

TRAFFORD (C): C 10, Lab 7, L 3, 1. Vacant. C gained 2 from Lab. Gained 1 from Lab. New council: C 37, Lab 18, L 7, 1. Vacant. No change.

WAKEFIELD (Lab): Lab 20, L 1, C 1. 1. vacant. Lab gained 2 from C. Gained 1 from Lab. New council: C 37, Lab 18, L 7, 1. Vacant. No change.



Three victory smiles: Mrs Ann Clwyd, newly elected for Cynon Valley, relaxes in her garden with her dog at Llandaff, Cardiff; Mr William Cash, winner at Stafford, is congratulated by his wife, Biddy; and Surrey South West's choice, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, enjoys the sunshine in Farnham, Surrey.

Livingstone may resign to force GLC election

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

The ruling Labour group on the Greater London Council may resign to force an election in the capital. It would be meant to test public opinion about the Government's plan to cancel the GLC's election next year and abolish the council a year later.

Labour councillors, who have a majority of four, have been encouraged by the results of Thursday's council elections outside London in which Labour made several unexpected gains from the Conservatives.

Mr Kenneth Livingstone, leader of the GLC, said yesterday before speaking at an Oxford University debate about abolition: "If this result were repeated in London, Labour would be returned to the GLC with a massive majority".

No decision about the timing and scale of resignations will be made unless the Bill to abolish next year's GLC election passes unscathed through Parliament. One scheme considered by the GLC Labour group is for a few councillors or even Mr Livingstone alone to resign and test the views of Londoners about abolition.

Labour wiped out the Conservative majority on Birmingham City Council, which was

repeatedly cited by ministers as an example of prudent local spending. The Conservatives also lost their overall control at Dudley, West Midlands.

Labour took control of Edinburgh City Council for the

first time. Mr James Ellison, Scottish organizer of the Labour Party, said of the overall local result in Scotland: "It was better than we could have hoped for."

Labour gained control of Southampton in a surprise

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Pope defies tight Korean security to mingle with leprosy victims

Sorokdo, South Korea (Reuter) - The Pope started his security guards by moving unexpectedly into a crowd of deformed and disfigured lepers when he toured a hospital yesterday.

He shook the lepers' hands and patted their heads when he visited Sorokdo National Leprosy Hospital about 200 miles south of Seoul on the second day of a stay in South Korea.

Earlier he visited the city of Kwangju and urged forgiveness on bereaved relatives of 189 people killed in an anti-government uprising there four years ago.

In a message that touched political sensitivities, he told a group of newly converted Roman Catholics about to be baptised that they "must pardon those who may have sinned against you".

Pretoria to hold talks with Nujoma

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

Mr Sam Nujoma, the Swapo guerrilla leader, is to hold talks soon with a representative of the South African government in Lusaka, the Zambian capital.

Disclosing this at a press conference in Lusaka yesterday, Mr Nujoma would not give a date for the talks, but senior Zambian sources said they were likely to take place towards the end of next week, probably on

In so doing, the Pope said, "we can offer hope to those who suffer from oppression".

It was the second time he had referred obliquely to the political problems of South Korea, whose Government has been accused of infringing human rights.

On arriving in Seoul he said Korean-needed human rights and justice. In a speech prepared for delivery to diplomats, he said: "Peace is threatened wherever the human spirit is oppressed by poverty or constrained by socio-political or ideological dictates."

He described as an act of naked terrorism a bomb blast in Burma last year which killed 17 South Koreans, including several government ministers.

In Kwangju, about 70,000 people shouted "viva papa" and

waved South Korean and Vatican flags when the Pope arrived to say Mass at an open air stadium.

Maximum security was in force during the visit. Police said they were offering a 30 million won (about £26,000) reward for information about any plots to kill the Pope.

University students demonstrated against the government in Seoul. Eyewitnesses said about 1,500 students and police traded stones and tear gas across a campus fence.

During a demonstration on Thursday night, tear gas drifted towards the Pope while he was visiting a seminary but it did not affect him, a Vatican office representative said.

The Pope meets farmers, workers and seamen in the southern port of Pusan today.

Police seal Sakharov flat in Moscow

From Richard Owen
Moscow

Police last night sealed the Moscow flat of the wife of the dissident physicist, Dr Andrei Sakharov.

The Soviet Union accused the American Embassy here of planning to give political asylum to Mrs Yelena Bonner to signal the start of a coordinated anti-Soviet campaign in the West.

Dr Sakharov, widely praised elsewhere for his human rights stand, is regarded by the Kremlin as a traitor. He was exiled to the closed town of Gorky four years ago. Soviet officials say this was to preserve his sanity - a hint that he is mad - and to prevent the man who pioneered the Soviet H-bomb programme from revealing state secrets.

Yesterday's attack on Dr Sakharov by Tass was believed to mark the first time the Russians have directly accused America of helping Dr Sakharov to continue to speak out from exile. Tass said American diplomats had used diplomatic channels to send material received from Mrs Bonner out of Russia. It named a First Secretary, Mr Edmund McWilliams, and two Second Secretaries, Mr George Glass and Mr Jon Purnell.

Tass said "competent Soviet agencies" - an apparent reference to the KGB - had recently uncovered a "far-reaching operation masterminded with the involvement of American diplomats".

The American plan, Tass claimed, was for Mrs Bonner to seek asylum just as Dr Sakharov was beginning a hunger strike. Mrs Bonner would then have met foreign correspondents inside the US Embassy to disseminate "menacing allegations about the Soviet Union and all kinds of falsehoods about the position of her husband, Sakharov".

An American Embassy spokesman said these allegations were wholly unfounded.

No discussions had taken place with Mrs Bonner about embassy asylum.



The Sakharovs: Moscow has accused Washington of anti-Soviet plot.

at the Academy of Sciences in Moscow, although he is still an academician.

Tass said the sponsors of the "provocative operation" to get Mrs Bonner out of Russia were trying to talk themselves out of their responsibility by claiming hypocritically that they had been motivated by humane considerations.

These now shedding "crocodile tears" over Dr Sakharov were making a hero out of a man who had poured scorn on his own people and had openly urged war and the use of nuclear weapons against Russia - a charge often made against Dr Sakharov by the Kremlin.

Tass said Washington would then have tried to arrange for Mrs Bonner to leave Russia on the "far-fetched pretence" of poor health so she could become "a leader of the anti-Soviet scum on the payroll of Western intelligence services".

The plot had been foiled thanks to "timely action" by Soviet law enforcement agencies and a protest had been lodged with Washington, listing details of direct involvement by American diplomats.

Both Dr Sakharov and his wife suffer from heart ailments and Dr Sakharov has prostate and other problems.

He has been refused treatment

Duke meets hostility on Danube

Vienna - The Duke of Edinburgh's advice to Austria to abandon plans to build a power station on the Danube because it will destroy a nature reserve has annoyed members of the Government here (our Vienna Correspondent writes).

Chancellor Fred Sinowatz dismissed the Duke's remarks on Thursday as "inappropriate and superfluous foreign demands".

Dr Bruno Kreisky, former Chancellor, called for a reply from the highest government level.

Joe Cocker out on bail

Vienna (AP) - Joe Cocker, British rock singer, released from prison here last night after 36 hours arrest, said the Austrian authorities had dropped accusations against him of accepting money for a May Day concert which he missed. But the investigating judge said he was out on bail and the case would continue in his absence.

Both Cocker and his European tour manager were held after the show's promoters had claimed a loss of £15,000.

Brinks sequel

New York (Reuter) - Kathi Boden, leader of the radical Weather Underground, was sentenced to 20 years in jail for taking part in the 1981 robbery of the Brinks security agency in which two police and a guard died.

Iraq sees pipeline as test of US intent

From Edward Mortimer, Baghdad

A projected oil pipeline from Iraq to Aqaba in Jordan is regarded by Iraq as a crucial test of American sincerity and good will, according to Mr Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Foreign Minister.

Mr Aziz, who is a close adviser of President Saddam Hussein, said in an interview with *The Times* that American finance for the proposed pipeline was essential because "the end of the pipeline is in al-Aqaba port, and it is very close to Israel."

"We do not have any confidence in Israel that it will not attack; that it will not threaten the usage of this pipeline. Therefore, if there are no real practical guarantees, you cannot go and invest \$1.2bn (£850m) in a project which might be threatened, halted any time; it will be at the mercy of the Israelis."

Therefore, Iraq had asked the United States to finance the project. "That does not mean that we cannot provide the financing", Mr Aziz said. "But when they do provide the financing, and then they make some linkage with this pipeline through involvement of interests, that will be a guarantee that the Israelis might not threaten it."

The linkage, he suggested, should take the form of "long deals with Iraq to buy oil from that pipeline to compensate - to pay for the investment". Iraq did not mind whether this was done directly by the US Government or by "a certain American company, backed and



Mr Aziz: Guarantee needed against Israeli attack.

UN leader appeals for Palestinians

From Zoriah Pyatrowsky
New York

Senior Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General, in an allusion to the plight of the Palestinians, appealed to the American Jewish community to try to comprehend the frustrations and desperation of people who feel they have very little chance of ever standing with their faces to the sun.

He also took the opportunity of an address to the American Jewish Committee to announce his imminent visit to the Middle East.

"Surely it is for all of us who know the full benefits of civil and political rights to be particularly sensitive to the need for all, even those with whose opinions we may not agree, to enjoy these rights, in all their ramifications", he said, enjoining the committee to show greater understanding to Palestinians.

Senior Pérez de Cuellar is expected to take the message that the UN remains the only forum for achieving a comprehensive Middle East settlement when he travels there.

Setback for Sharon in Herut vote

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

Mr Ariel Sharon, Israel's former Defence Minister, has suffered something of a setback in his efforts to make a political comeback and reassert his candidacy for the defence portfolio if the ruling right-wing Likud coalition is returned for a third term in the July 23 general election.

During elections to choose the 35 candidates from the Likud's dominant Herut Party who will join Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, on the final list, Mr Sharon only managed to come in ninth with a total of 394 votes, compared to the 571 for Mr Moshe Arens, the incumbent Defence Minister, who secured a convincing victory by topping the poll.

There was speculation that a number of committee members may have been frightened at the potential electoral damage which could result if Mr Sharon regained too much party influence after his period in the political wilderness caused by the damning verdict of the Kahan commission report into the west Beirut massacres.

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Reagan will urge Britain to examine unity proposal of Irish Forum

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The Reagan Administration is to urge Britain to give serious consideration to the recommendations for resolving the Northern Ireland problem contained in the report by the New Ireland Forum.

The report, which calls for a unification of the northern and southern parts of the island, has been given an enthusiastic reception here, particularly by the influential block of Irish-Americans in Congress. Senator Edward Kennedy (Dem. Massachusetts) said the report may well be the best chance to break the intensifying cycle of killing and violence in Northern Ireland and achieve true reconciliation.

The Administration has been more guarded in its reaction and was waiting to hear from Mr Peter Barry, the Irish Foreign Minister, in talks at the State Department yesterday (Fri), before giving its considered opinion of the report.

However, Administration officials privately welcomed the report's findings and noted that President Reagan, himself an American of Irish extraction, has voiced his support for the efforts being carried out by the New Ireland Forum during a

visit to Washington by Dr Garret Fitzgerald, the Irish Prime Minister, in March.

The President is now likely to come under congressional pressure to raise the question of Northern Ireland and the Forum's recommendations when he visits Ireland and Britain next month. Mr Reagan is to visit his grandfather's home in Ballyporeen, Co. Tipperary, on his way to the three-day economy summit of industrialized nations in London.

His visit is seen in part as an attempt to capture the important (and traditionally Democratic) Irish-American vote in the November American presidential elections.

Representative Brian Donnelly (Dem. Massachusetts) has sponsored a resolution, supported by over 50 other congressmen, applauding the Forum's efforts and calling on all parties in Northern Ireland, Great Britain and the Irish Republic to review its recommendations "in the spirit in which they are offered - dialogue and hope".

A spokesman for Mr Donnelly said he hoped the House of Representatives would for-

mally approve the resolution before the President leaves for Ireland.

Aware of the significance of the US reaction to the Forum's report, representatives from both sides of the political divide in Ireland are in Washington to canvass support for or opposition to it.

Apart from yesterday's meeting with Mr Kenneth Dam, the Deputy Secretary of State, Mr Donnelly is also holding talks with Mr Thomas O'Neill, the House Speaker, and members of the Friends of Ireland - a group of Irish-American senators and congressmen.

Two Unionist MPs, Mr Peter Robinson and Mr William McCrae, held a press conference to denounce the report, they are unlikely to find much support for their views.

Mr O'Neill was undoubtedly speaking for more than his fellow Irish-Americans when he said: "Now it is up to the British Government and the Unionists to consider this report with open hearts and open minds. Permitting the status quo in Northern Ireland to continue is simply intolerable."

Pentagon budget cut to placate Congress

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

Bowing to bipartisan congressional pressure to reduce the federal budget deficit, Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, has presented a plan to cut the Pentagon's fiscal 1985 budget request by almost \$14,000m (£9,655m).

The new request is for just over \$291,000m, which would represent a "real" increase in the Pentagon's budget of 7.8 per cent over the previous year, instead of the 13 per cent originally contemplated.

The revised budget calls for reductions in numbers of nine conventional weapons, including M1 tanks, attack helicopters and anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles. Other conventional weapons programmes are being deferred or cancelled, but a planned 5.5 per cent pay rise for military personnel is going ahead.

None of the costly strategic weapons programmes, such as the MX missile, the B1 bomber

Death riddle of Kennedy son remains

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

The cause of David Kennedy's death is to remain a secret while police continue their investigations. A judge has declared that disclosure of the details of a post-mortem examination would interfere with inquiries.

Mr Kennedy, who was 28, the son of the murdered Senator Robert Kennedy, was found dead in his hotel room in Palm Beach, Florida, last week. He had a history of drug taking and also suffered a heart condition sometimes associated with drug abuse.

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Comradely greeting: General Jaruzelski (right) being welcomed by Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, at Moscow airport watched by Marshal Ustinov, the Soviet Defence Minister (left).

Warm Moscow welcome for Jaruzelski

From Richard Owen, Moscow

General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Polish leader, yesterday held talks with President Chernenko, which centred on recent political violence in Poland. The general thanked the Soviet Union for "helping to stabilize the situation in the country".

General Jaruzelski's visit was planned before the outbreak of anti-Government protests on the streets of Polish cities during May Day rallies. But East European sources said the trouble had confirmed the

system and communist values in Poland.

Sources here said the Russians were still worried that the military-communist regime in Warsaw had not re-established itself or earned popular respect after the Solidarity era.

In his Kremlin talks, General Jaruzelski said much had been done recently to "strengthen ideological and political unity in Poland and re-establish the leading role of the party."

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Washington presents its side of Kozlov story

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Washington officials intend to have another meeting if necessary with Mr Sergei Kozlov, a Soviet mathematician on an academic exchange, to make sure that he is not being forced to return to the Soviet Union. Mr Kozlov is with Soviet Embassy officials here.

In a sharp statement on Wednesday the State Department rejected as "ridiculous" a Soviet protest that it had prevented Mr Kozlov, who was on a exchange programme in California, from leaving Washington on Monday evening for home.

It recalled that Mr Kozlov had repeatedly told American officials interviewing him at Dulles airport on Monday evening that he wished to return to the Soviet Union. However, he then declined to board a flight to Europe but stated instead that he wanted to return to the Soviet Embassy, which he did.

Contrary to the Soviet protest, Mr Kozlov had been accompanied by a Soviet Embassy official throughout.

"Precisely because of our concern for the individual involved we will not comment on Mr Kozlov's health. We urged the Soviet Government to dispense with false and self-serving accusations against the US and to work with us to bring this unhappy case to a conclusion which protects the rights and interests of Mr Kozlov".

Protests in Bonn at tax evasion amnesty Bill

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

The Bonn Government yesterday laid before Parliament a Bill granting an amnesty to more than 1,000 German firms guilty of tax evasion on donations to party political funds.

The proposal, kept a closely guarded secret by the Christian Democrats and their Free Democratic allies, follows the scandal over huge illicit payments by the giant Flick group of companies and the subsequent revelation that tax evasion on such donations was widespread.

However, the Bill will not affect the case of Otto Graf Lambsdorff, the Economics Minister, who is facing corruption charges in connexion with Herr Otto Schily, said it was a "rapacious proposal" benefiting politicians who had demonstrated their "battered and shrivelled sense of justice".

money paid to him for his party by Flick.

The proposal, first announced by Dr Heiner Geissler, the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) secretary, on Thursday immediately caused a political furor.

Social Democrats were taken by surprise, calling it a blow against public justice and saying they would have nothing to do with this "dirty business". They announced that they would appeal against the Bill to the Constitutional Court.

The Greens' tax spokesman, Herr Otto Schily, said it was a "rapacious proposal" benefiting politicians who had demonstrated their "battered and shrivelled sense of justice".

Smiles but no results at Paris summit

From Diana Gledhill, Paris

President Mitterrand and Mrs Margaret Thatcher emerged smiling and relaxed from their working lunch on EEC affairs in Paris yesterday, but, as expected, little progress seems to have been made on finding a lasting solution to the problem of Britain's contribution to the Community budget.

It was the first meeting between the two heads of government since the Brussels summit in March. Maintaining the tradition of total secrecy for such bilaterals, established by M Mitterrand since taking over the presidency of the EEC last January, the leaders posed for photographers on the steps of the Elysee Palace after lunch, but declined to make any comment on the content of their talks.

M Michel Vausselle, the Elysee spokesman, said the discussions had been "courteous and precise" and marked by good will on both sides. Asked if any progress had been made, he replied simply that the issue had been further defined, but indicated that there were no new proposals.

France saw Britain's budgetary problem as an integral part of the need for an increase in the EEC's "own resources" and the enlargement of the Community, he said. President Mitterrand planned to hold talks with all the EEC heads of state on those issues before the next summit at Fontainebleau on June 25 and 26.

He had already seen Signor Bettino Craxi and Mr Andreas Papandreou and hoped to meet Chancellor Helmut Kohl next, though no date had been fixed.

Preparations for the world economic summit in London from June 7 to 9 were also discussed by President Mitterrand and Mrs Thatcher. Earlier in the day, M Roland Dumas, Minister for European Affairs, had surprised observers when he seemed to express support for the idea of a "multi-speed" Europe, with Britain left in a slower stream.

While insisting that Britain had a place in Europe, M Dumas said in a radio interview that "the idea of a Europe of several different speeds is gaining ground." If Britain did not wish to follow a particular aspect of Community policy, "it is not unthinkable that its partners will continue without it on a well-defined course."

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FRAMEWORK FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM

Early in January this year, President Spyros Kyprianou of Cyprus submitted to the Secretary-General of the UN, Mr Perez De Cuellar, a framework for a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem.

This week Cyprus requested an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council, to press for a resolution which would provide for specific mechanisms for the implementation of UN resolutions on Cyprus.

The Government of Cyprus wishes to release the full text of President Kyprianou's proposals to enable the general public to pass informed judgement on a problem which in its current deadlock threatens the security of not only Cyprus itself, but the whole of the eastern Mediterranean area.

1. A basic prerequisite to a solution of the Cyprus problem is for the Republic of Cyprus to be completely demilitarised. In the first instance all Turkish occupation troops should be withdrawn together with the colonizers imported from Turkey. At a later stage all troops provided for under the Treaty of Alliance (Greek and Turkish contingents) should be withdrawn, and the Cyprus National Guard and the so-called "Turkish Cypriot Security Force" should be disbanded. Demilitarisation is intended to contribute as an element of internal stability but also alleviate Turkey's paradoxical "fears" that Cyprus may be used against her militarily.

2. An international force under the auspices of the United Nations comprising men from countries with no direct involvement in the Cyprus problem should be stationed in Cyprus to secure its external defence and internal security. In addition, certain police duties could be allocated to it for an agreed period of time. This arrangement is not only essential for a solution to the Cyprus problem but it would also contribute towards consolidating a peaceful situation and creating the appropriate climate and conditions for the reunification of the country and the people. In such circumstances reconciliation and cooperation between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots would be possible in a very short period of time.

3. The question of effective international guarantees is of great significance in view of the bitter experience of the past. The independence, territorial integrity, unity and non-alignment of the Republic of Cyprus should be guaranteed by International Treaty. Interested powers should be excluded from participating in the Treaty. The duty of the guarantors should be a collective one and the use of force should be specifically excluded from the possible courses of action in the enforcement of the Treaty.

4. The Republic of Cyprus should be a Federal State. In considering the territorial and constitutional arrangements of a Federal Republic of Cyprus, the basis for solving these issues, as in fact all other issues and aspects, are the Resolutions of the United Nations and the High-level Agreements (Makarios-Denktaş 1977 and Kyprianou-Denktaş 1979). In determining the

territorial and constitutional issues the composition of the population of Cyprus must always be borne in mind. An outline of the solution envisaged follows.

5. Territorial Aspect

Despite the inherent dangers and constitutional difficulties involved in the concept of two regions or two provinces, yet this concept has been accepted.

It must of course be emphasised that the Turkish Cypriots constitute 18% of the population of Cyprus. Colonizers from Turkey and any other persons imported into Cyprus since the invasion in 1974 can under no circumstances be regarded as Cypriots. Despite the fact that the ratio of the Turkish Cypriot population is only 18%, yet it has already been stated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 30th September 1983 that the Greek Cypriot side is willing to negotiate on the basis of 23% for the region or province to be under Turkish Cypriot administration. However, for the purpose of securing without delay an overall solution of the Cyprus problem, it would be possible to consider agreeing that 25% of the territory of the Republic be under Turkish Cypriot administration, provided that areas such as Famagusta and Morphou, which were thickly populated by Greek Cypriots before they were forcibly uprooted from their homes by the Turkish invading forces, would be under Greek Cypriot administration.

6. Constitutional Aspect

It should be borne in mind that, under a Federal system, the regions or provinces will have considerable autonomy and powers. Therefore, any checks and balances at the Federal level should be restricted and be of such a nature as not to impede the smooth functioning of the Federal Government organs or lead to impasses and deadlocks. This is particularly important since, in a Federation, the powers and functions of the Federal organs are those which safeguard the unity of the State; and, therefore, if these functions are disrupted the State runs the danger of dissolution.

(1) Executive

The Presidential system provided under the 1960 Constitution is considered appropriate and should be preserved.

The Cyprus Republic was founded in 1960. The island, the third largest in the Mediterranean, with a population of 650,000 (80% Greek Cypriots and 18% Turkish Cypriots) was a British colony until independence. Its first President was Archbishop Makarios. In 1974 the island was invaded by Turkish forces which occupied about 37% of the northern part of Cyprus where they still maintain an occupation force of 25,000. In November last year, a so called "independent republic" was proclaimed in the occupied areas in a secessionary move, which was denounced by the UN Security Council in its Resolution 541 demanding the reversal of the Turkish action.

(a) There should be a President of the Republic, who should be a Greek Cypriot, and a Vice-President who should be a Turkish Cypriot.

(b) Provided that the process of taking decisions is such as not to lead to impasses and to the disruption of the smooth functioning of the State, the Federal Council of Ministers could include a higher proportion of membership of Turkish Cypriots than their population ratio namely the Federal Council of Ministers would be composed of 70% Greek Cypriot Ministers and 30% Turkish Cypriot Ministers.

(2) Legislature

In the circumstances of Cyprus, it is considered that a *Unicameral System* is more appropriate. Mechanisms would be provided to ensure speedy resolution of any problems that might arise.

Alternatively, there could be a *Bi-cameral system* consisting of:

a *Lower Chamber* representation of the two Communities to be on the basis of population ratio; and an *Upper Chamber*: representation in the Upper Chamber would depend on the powers and functions of such Chamber and on the provision of deadlock-resolving mechanisms so as to ensure that the legislative process is not impeded.

(3) Judiciary

Equal representation of the two Communities in the Federal Supreme Court in respect of all federal matters.

(4) Powers and Functions of Federal Government and Provincial Powers

The powers and functions of the Federal Government to be such as to ensure the unity of the state. Indicatively, these should include:

- (i) Foreign Affairs (including Citizenship, but certain functions may be Provincially delegated);
- (ii) Federal Finance (including Customs);
- (iii) Defence and National Security;
- (iv) International Communications (air and sea);
- (v) International Telecommunications;
- (vi) Appointment of Federal Officers;

List of extensive Provincial Powers to be agreed.

(5) Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (including the three freedoms of Movement, Settlement and Right of Property) should be safeguarded both at Federal and Provincial levels, and should form part of the Federal Constitution. Any arrangements with regard to the three freedoms (of Movement, Settlement and Right of Property) should relate solely to overcoming certain practical difficulties in their implementation and should not negate or restrict them.

(6) Economic Matters

The Economic and social policy of the Federal Republic of Cyprus should ensure the economic progress and development of Cyprus as a whole and should safeguard for all citizens of Cyprus an equal standard of living and equal opportunities to progress, development and welfare. Suitable machinery should be established to implement this policy for the benefit of the whole population. Thus, economic assistance will be given to less economically developed areas. Furthermore, measures could be discussed of a temporary, transitional nature, in respect of the economy, to take effect after a solution.

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Any company can win the right to use the Olympic name and symbol, by spending £1m to advertise during broadcasts of the Games. The manufacturers of Snickers have become the official Olympic snack food suppliers (don't call it candy, still less sweets). They apparently want to reach "an active life style audience". It is unclear as yet which company will make the most profit from the Games, but as all advertisers know, it is not the taking part.

The wingers

The members of the Saudi Arabian Olympic team have been offered a plot of land in the town of their choice by King Fahd. The Saudi national airline have come up with what must look an even better offer: a first-class ticket to anywhere the player likes.

Now I would have thought it was a handicap enough to be called Imre Varadi, like the Sheffield Wednesday, former Newcastle footballer. But Kenny Dalglish plainly does not agree: he has called his new son Imre Varadi Newcastle United Dick. I expect little Imre will turn out to be a cricket fanatic. More hard luck: the nearest first class county to Newcastle is Yorkshire.

Boxed in

The number of accredited journalists covering the next World Cup finals is to be substantially reduced. The last finals, in Spain, were covered by a total of 7,290, or about seven times the average crowd at Hartlepool. In Mexico in 1986, a mere 4,900 accreditation will be handed out - 2,200 to newspaper hacks, 300 to photographers and the rest to television and radio. Already sports journalists are complaining, doubtless worried that they might be sent to Hartlepool instead.

Pitching in

Quote of the week: from the Chelsea chairman, Ken Bates, after Chelsea supporters celebrated promotion to the first division in a series of pitch invasions: "It was high spirits from our fans, and I can't condemn them, for I once ran on to the pitch at a QPR-Brentford match. And if I'd been in the supporter's enclosure, I'd have been on the pitch as well. It was an emotional day." It sure was, especially for the three coppers who ended up in hospital.

They're on

If you wish to get on in racing, always wear a hat, and never forget to shave. The crack Australian jockey, Peter Cook lost a big contract in the United States by refusing to remove his beard. Still, horse riders can relax if they are hoping to ride for Toby Balding. Willie Higgins's new moustache will not alienate him from his master, a master who has given a leg up to such renowned jockeys as Davy Jones, singer with the unfortunately unforgettable Monkees, and Clement Freud, MP. Another hopeful jockey, currently working in the Balding yard, is a Sikh.

Where's Henry?

So who was the trainer Henry Cecil, so uncharacteristically absent from Sandown Park last Saturday? Rumours said he was in Paris, trying to patch up the row between the art-dealing Daniel Wildenstein, who owns 32 horses from the Cecil string, and Cecil's stable jockey, a fairly useful chap called L. Piggott. "He's a genius, but I will not dance to his music," said Wildenstein, who says Piggott will never ride a horse of his again. But Cecil is worried about finding a top rider for his Derby horse, Claude Monet, who won at Newmarket on Thursday. Piggott is worth a stone at Epsom, and Cecil has yet to win a Derby. And Wildenstein has been known to be, ah, flexible over jockeys. After once complaining that Pat Eddery was "not man enough to ride for me", Eddery rode Claude Monet last year.

Simon Barnes

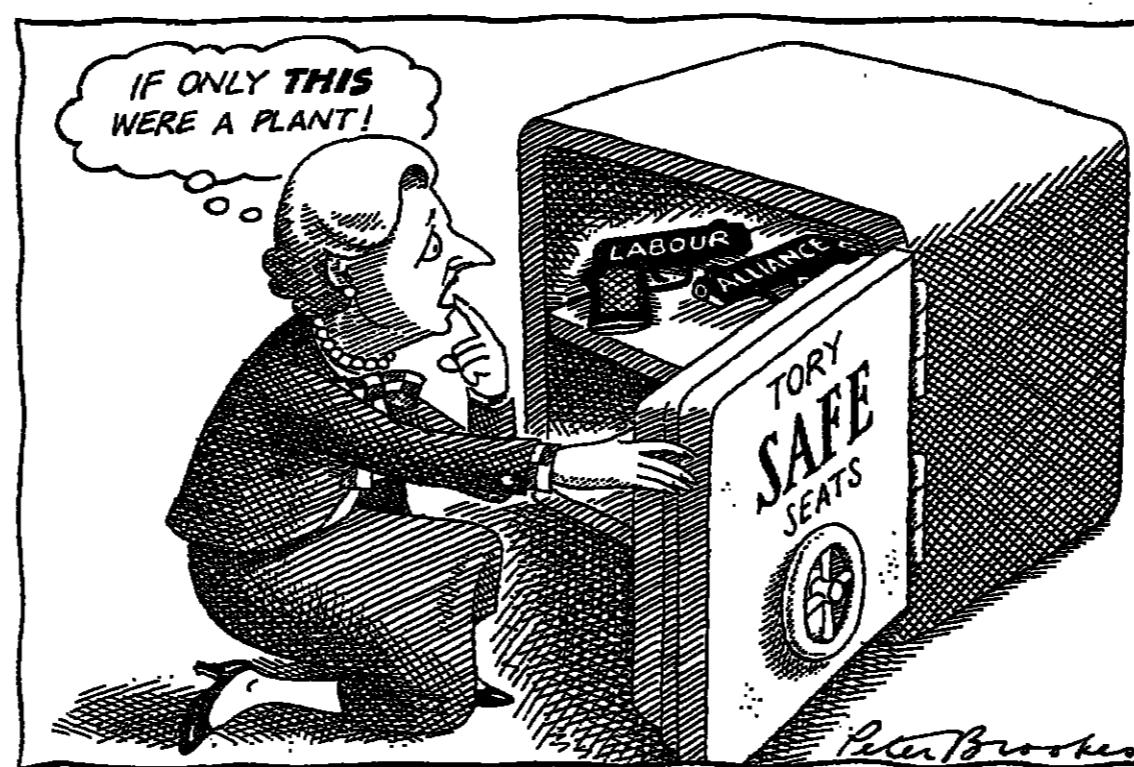
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"It seems that Scargill won't have to bring down the Government after all."

David Butler analyses Thursday's election results

Widening the great divide



Something for everyone but not very much for anyone. Is this the verdict on Thursday's very mixed bag of voting?

The Conservatives are still riding almost as high in the opinion polls as when they won the general election last June. So they must be mildly chagrined by the by-elections. A lost deposit in a Welsh mining seat is no worry but a swing to Alliance of almost 10 per cent in two of their safest constituencies comes as an unpleasant surprise. If they had not put the two contests together, and with the local elections, the Alliance by-election circus might even have won one.

On the other hand, the local elections might have been a lot worse. The loss of Birmingham and Edinburgh must hurt, but over much of the country the Conservatives held on to or even gained seats. This was not the sort of mid-Parliament landslide against the party in power, with several hundred councillors defeated, that Conservative and Labour governments became resigned to, in the 1970s. The victories of the Labour left in Liverpool and Manchester may in the end do more for Mrs Thatcher's fortunes than Mr Kinnock's.

Labour, however, can be pleased that for the first time in five years it has won the by-election votes without its humiliation in South West Surrey, but its failure to overtake the Alliance in Stafford must be disturbing. On the other hand, it will draw real comfort from its Cynon Valley performance and the evaporation of the Plaid Cymru challenge in a seat which gave 30 per cent to the Nationalists ten years ago: Cynon Valley offers reassurance for the pending Carmarthen by-election.

Labour will also find some reassurance in the local elections. It did not lose any councils and it made modest advances in most of those where it was seriously entrenched. With the victory in Edinburgh it now controls all the cities larger than Bristol and, as the table shows, it can claim some sort of a vote of confidence from all the doomed metropolitan areas - though it made no net gain of seats in West Yorkshire, or South Yorkshire. Many Labour MPs will be unhappy that the party's greatest advances seem concentrated in the militant Lancashire conurbation: some of their followers will draw an unwelcome moral.

The Alliance will rejoice at its election performance in the Tory heartland and will be relieved that so many and so widespread a set of local gains have come its way. It has fared a great deal better than the opinion polls had been suggesting: this must give it the sort of booster shot essential to its survival and growth. But the Alliance is still thin on the ground in parliamentary terms and, over most of the country, in local government terms as well.

Moreover, the balance of Thursday's gains - a net 130 for the Liberals but only 25 for the SDP - may place further strains on an alliance that is, supposedly, of

equals. The leaders of the two parties must have shuddered at the result at Inverclyde, where a local split between Liberal and SDP may have handed one of the few Liberal strongholds to Labour.

Election results are judged against expectations, not actuality. No one expected very much and no one was disappointed. The headlines about Labour's advances are justified by the party's capture of Birmingham and Edinburgh and its consolidation in Liverpool. But anyone scanning the full list of results will be struck by how small the changes were in most districts, and how often Labour actually lost rather than gained. Over the past 25 years there has been a growing division between Tory, Britain and Labour Britain, between urban Britain and rural Britain, between North and South, between Scotland and the rest. The process was continued in a modest way on Thursday.

The few places where Labour made a net gain of more than two seats had a clear northern bias:

Net Labour gain when seats were last fought

	Labour	Con	Lab	Lib
Liverpool	+7	-	-	1980
Salford	+6	-	-	1980
Manchester	+7	-	-	1982
Birmingham	+6	-	-	1980
Edinburgh	+8	-	-	1980
Dudley	+6	-	-	1982
Wakefield	+3	-	-	1982
Exeter	+4	-	-	1980

But Liverpool, at the head of the list, offers a confusing story. The seven gains were from the 1980 results. If we look at the votes which will be cited in the coming confrontation between the deputy council leader, Derek Hatton, and the Environment Secretary, Patrick Jenkin, a different picture emerges.

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Liverpool Council Voting (%)

	Con	Lab	Lib
1983	21.4	47.0	31.6
1984	19.0	46.4	34.6

-2.4 -0.6 +3.0

The trends were conflicting even within regions. Labour's gains in Birmingham and Dudley were not

By-elections of this Parliament

	Majority	Change since Gen Election
Penrith & Border	(28.783)	Con 1.4 Lab -12.8 Lib +16.7
Chesterfield	(1.384)	Con 11.9 Lab -17.2 Lib +15.3
Surrey S.W.	(3.584)	Con 5.9 Lab -10.4 Lib +11.3
Stafford	(3.584)	Con 8.6 Lab -10.8 Lib +7.1
Cynon Valley	(3.584)	Con 38.9 Lab -6.8 Lib +2.8
		-0.7
Net change		-12.7 -1.4 +14.1

Swings in Six Councils 1983-1984

	Con	Lab	Lib
Newcastle	-5.4	+2.1	+2.4
Liverpool	-2.4	-0.6	0.0
Leeds	-2.6	+1.8	0.0
Sheffield	-5.2	+3.9	+1.2
Basildon	-5.5	+5.9	+1.6
Southampton	-2.4	+5.6	-3.2

% change

matched anywhere else in the West Midlands. Liverpool stands out from the rest of Merseyside and Manchester and Salford from the rest of Greater Manchester.

Perhaps we shall get a stronger message next month when the whole country votes in the European Parliamentary elections. On Thursday's form, and allowing for Labour's lack of enthusiasm for any Euro activity, the Alliance should hope to poll impressively - and to get almost no seats. But Euro summity and miners' strikes may move a lot of votes one way or another in the next six weeks.

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	Votes	Seats
Alliance	81,844 (39.3%)	-
Conservative	68,257 (33.1%)	3
Labour	56,218 (27.2%)	2

But Thursday's local election results cumulated thus would yield a different picture with the Alliance firmly third in votes as well as seats.

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As the 40th anniversary nears, Philip Warner calls for a reassessment

D-Day: secrets still to be told



Hello Tommy: a 1944 welcome to the Hampshire

On June 6 the Queen, Prince Philip, President Reagan, President Mitterrand, and some 50,000 other visitors will be on the Normandy beaches recalling the greatest seaborne invasion in the history of mankind. Also present will be many Germans who on June 6, 1944 did their very good best to prevent the invasion taking place at all. There will be French farmers and shopkeepers who once woke up to find themselves in the middle of a battlefield. There will, in fact, be something for everyone.

Inevitably there has been friction over the form the celebrations should take. The main ceremony will be on Utah Beach on the Cotentin peninsula, where the Americans landed a good mile south of their intended destination, but made a great success of it. The British and Canadian contingents came ashore further east, and in larger numbers, but the heaviest casualties were at "Bloody Omaha", near the centre, where the Americans edged ashore at fearful cost, and were thought by the Germans to have been destroyed by a flying bomb: "Where's your husband?" "Woman: "In Normandy - the coward!"

Although relics of the invasion are still to be seen, many of those who took part will have difficulty in believing it ever happened to them. Was this really the sea which made hardened veterans so seashore? It is of pride, almost of sentiment. The Second World War was not so much a war against Germany as it was a war against the evil of Nazism. By the time the D-Day invasion took place the allies had no illusions about the crusade in which they were engaged.

Bombing at home, and the stories

which had leaked out of Europe, left no surprises, like Verdun, Flodden and Agincourt, seem to be haunted. But the D-Day beaches, in spite of the reminders of the blood still there, evoke a different sentiment. It is of pride, almost of relief, that they did not care if they were killed immediately provided they could set foot on dry land? Nothing in his noise, confusion, and squall seemed quite real.

One survivor, Mr E. A. Neale, then a deckhand on a converted cargo ship, recalls "frantically bawling, laughing and crying hysterically" and "things were happening around me as if in a dream. I saw severed limbs and feet in buckets being thrown over the side of the ship and thought to myself without any feelings of repugnance how pink and clean they looked".

On land the worst sights are usually behind the first wave of the attack, unless it is checked, and doctors and chaplains (who bury the

corpses, see most of them. One surgeon, Dr Peter Johnson, was summoned to see "a man or what was left of a man, lying on a door in the back of a truck. All was covered with a blanket, save for his head. No part of his face was not raw and torn, and his eyes were dull and opaque, wrinkled like those of a dead fish. He was conscious and moaning. I put my hand under the blanket and felt for his wrist. To my horror, all I could find was a bloody stump - and it was the same the other side too. He had a gash in his stomach and a large wound in his thigh. I gave him a large dose of morphine and bound up his stumps. Later, I heard he was doing well."

At one point, as this doctor straightened up from tending another wounded man he was handed a letter by the post corporal, who was triumphantly at having found him. He opened it - presumably with bloodstained hands. It was



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BY-ELECTION BLUES

Mrs Thatcher's celebratory message for yesterday's fifth anniversary of her taking office as prime minister was to announce the beginning of her third premiership in due course. That part of the nation which polled on the day before appears to have delivered a muffled message of a different kind. But it gives the Prime Minister no cause to revise her plans. The opportunity to give or deny her that opportunity is a long way off. The scattered voting this week says nothing about when or what the result will be.

From the point of view of the Government the parliamentary voting on Thursday was a normal case of by-election blues. The comparable by-election at the same stage of the last parliament (Southend East) showed a bigger drop in the Conservative share of the poll and a similar surge to the Liberals. Labour has the comfort of having done rather well in part of its heartland, and it has not been able to be sure of doing even that for the past few years. The Alliance has proved once more that it runs very well in second place. But the by-election is still its natural habitat, and second still seems to be its allotted place. It is a position well adapted to the cultivation of hope.

The Conservative performance seems slightly worse than it actually was by past standards because its prospects just before the polling looked slightly better. Assisted perhaps by the miners' strike, the Government was running comfortably ahead of Labour in the opinion polls with the Alliance way down. What is more the upturn in the economy, the reward for so much rigour, is

at last upon us; and anybody not a million miles from the stock exchange, like south west Surrey, has something to glow about. To no avail. Though Mrs Thatcher's supporters in Surrey stood their ground better than those in the Welsh valleys, ten thousand turned tail or stayed at home.

The party managers, who have to explain these things as well as note them, may be looking for the second time at the Harris poll in last Sunday's *Observer*, which recorded that while four-fifths of its sample thought Mrs Thatcher the toughest prime minister since Churchill - a compliment - well over half agreed with the proposition that she acts too much like a dictator and disagreed that she really cares about the interests of ordinary people. Among those of that opinion were between a third and a fifth of Conservative supporters. In some of its moods the electorate might be influenced by such perceptions.

The local election results were a little more ominous for the Government. Not because they showed a larger adverse swing - they did not - but because they relate to an area where the Government is wading into a bog in the full conviction that it knows the way. The district elections cannot be regarded as a referendum on rate capping or the abolition of metropolitan councils. They were not a rehearsal for the GLC and metropolitan elections of 1985 which the Government is in the process of expunging by special legislation. But these issues were relevant to the elections, and the results may be read as in some degree endorsing the opponents of the Government's measures.

Mr Jenkins was yesterday

reduced to explaining away a swing against the Government since the general election in the metropolitan districts of Yorkshire by reference to the "hundreds and hundreds of thousands of pounds of rate-payers' money" that the threatened authorities had spent on the materials of propaganda; and of course the Conservatives have a just appreciation of the value of political advertising. As for rate capping, the proposals did Conservative councillors no good either in Birmingham, the least cappable of places and a model of Tory municipalism, or at Basildon the most cappable of places in Mr Jenkins's eyes.

The reasons which draw the Government farther and farther down the road of detailed financial control of local authorities have been fully explained and are certainly not light. But they implicate the Government in a programme of bureaucratic centralization and interference in quasi-autonomous corporations which sits ill with standard Tory precepts.

In Liverpool the thrust of those policies is leading to what Mr Jenkins described yesterday as uncharted territory. The determined irresponsibility of Labour militants in control of the council, the possible bankruptcy of the city and temporary collapse of its services, the likely intervention of the courts, the reserve power in Whitehall of executive override, invocation of an electoral mandate, and the possibility of public disorder, make a brew that Thursday's election there has warmed up. Controlling the situation and controlling the political currents that flow from it will be a stiff examination in the art of government.

Mr Jenkins was yesterday

WEALTH AND THE WATER-CANNON

This week's pro-Solidarity demonstrations in Poland have provided a dramatic background to General Jaruzelski's discussions in Moscow. The main item on the agenda, however, will not be suppression of dissent. General Jaruzelski has survived more widespread disruption in recent years and is now very efficient in the techniques of crowd control. But he is less capable of organizing economic recovery, and shares the general concern of all communist governments that failure to provide the work force with adequate incentives will exacerbate the present slowdown in industrial growth which makes their plans eventually to surpass capitalist countries completely unrealistic.

Of course, as they reviewed their May Day parades, the communist leaders were not short of ammunition with which to attack the capitalist countries, pointing to our employment and strikes as evidence of their inevitable doom. In Warsaw General Jaruzelski condemned the "merciless exploitation perpetrated by multinational super-capitalist monopolies" and claimed that the future belonged to socialism. Yet in the streets of Polish cities riot police used truncheons, tear gas and water-cannon to disperse thousands of Poles demonstrating in support of their outlawed trade union movement.

In Moscow the Party Programme is undergoing extensive

revision. The first of these blueprints laying down the road to world communism was fulfilled with the Bolshevik seizure of power in 1917. The second, introduced by Lenin in 1919, planned the building of a socialist state in Russia. With the loss of millions of lives Stalin carried out this task to his own satisfaction and went on to spread his socialism to the neighbouring states of Eastern Europe.

The third programme launched by Khrushchev in 1961, promised that by 1980 the USSR would have overtaken the United States in economic output per capita and have laid the foundations for a fully communist society with material abundance for all. However, by 1970 the process of catching up with the USA had faltered and Soviet GNP remains only two-thirds that of its main rival. The microchip revolution is now widening the gap between the two social systems even more than the gulf caused by the Bolshevik revolution.

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ABUSING THE STATUTE BOOK

Legislation thrust on a Government by the British public in one of its periodic fits of morality is apt all too often to prove irrelevant or actually harmful when it comes to be applied in the courts. The Home Secretary has done well to resist being bowdled into hasty legislation by the wave of anxiety, real and justified as it is, over the problem of glue-sniffing.

Mr Brittan was pressed towards action by an heroic piece of creative law-making by the Scottish judiciary last year. Faced with a case where two Glasgow shopkeepers had cynically endangered children in their neighbourhood by selling them so-called "glue-sniffing kits" on a large scale (four gallons of glue were found in their shop), the judges decided that such an abuse of young people fell within the ambit of a concept in Scottish common law of "culpable and reckless conduct" causing real injury to others. This was great surprise not only to the two shopkeepers, who were sentenced to three years in jail, but also to the police and many legal observers.

The resources of English common law, or at least of the English judiciary, are understood to offer no corresponding recourse. If there are any newsmen or ironmongers in England as vicious as the two in Glasgow there is no evident means in law of preventing them from corrupting local children.

put the onus of prevention on shopkeepers.

The difficulty is that children sniff a wide range of substances, and are always experimenting with new ones. Many of the items involved are not expensive or obvious, as alcohol and tobacco are, but everyday things which young people often buy for quite proper purposes. This makes it almost impractical to draw up a list of dangerous items for special control (and probably to require the addition of distasteful substances to them, as Mr Harry Greenway proposed this week in a ten-minute rule Bill).

The Government's preferred course has been to circulate a voluntary code of conduct designed to help retailers use their own judgment in preventing glue-sniffers from getting at their addiction. This approach cannot eliminate mistakes nor carelessness, but it will probably do more good all round than any law applicable only to cases of carelessness blatant enough to be proved in court. Sanctions imposed on retailers may have a subsidiary role in the control of sniffing, but enlisting their informed co-operation is more important. The most important responsibility of all is that of parents, to ensure that their children understand the dangers, and to seek help (which should be readily available) at the first sign that their children are becoming victims of addiction.

Hardly the interpretation that trend users of the phrase in this country have so blandly assumed.

Setting the standards in schools

From the Headmaster of Monkton Combe School

Sir, Dr Rae (feature, April 30) rightly pleads for independent schools to be open about their examination results yet he must know that such statistics are not a sound basis for judging a school. Even to make a fair assessment of effective teaching would require also publication of pupils' IQs and their standard of each subject at entry.

More serious is that undue emphasis on examination results may encourage schools to limit the number of subjects pupils study in the two years before O level in order that they shall achieve high grades rather than have the broad education which is so essential in our complex world.

The present demand for high grades at A level has already curtailed non-examined general studies courses to the detriment of the total development of many sixth formers.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD MEREDITH,
Headmaster,
Monkton Combe School,
Bath, Avon.
April 30.

From Mrs W. D. J. Cargill Thompson

Sir, Parents contemplating sending their children to independent schools will endorse John Rae's view (feature, April 30) that the public examination results of those schools should be published. This would not necessarily be to the detriment of those schools not at the top of the results league, nor to the advantage of those that are.

Of course the importance of good O and A-level results is not underrated, but parental wisdom often will, and certainly should, decide against a school which concentrates largely on academic results in favour of one which will take a wider and more responsible view of the child's development.

Yours faithfully,
JENNIFER CARGILL THOMPSON,
49 Burghley Road, NW3.
May 1.

From Mr T. P. Hudson

Sir, There may be arguments in favour of building Mies van der

From the Headmistress of South Hampstead High School

Sir, It would have been better if the Headmaster of Westminster School had done a little research before committing himself to indignation and misleading generalisations on how independent schools deny parents accurate information on examination results.

For several years we in this school have not only made available, but positively forced upon parents exactly those tables of all O and A-level candidates, by subject and grade, which he advocates. It would be astonishing if we were unique in this.

Yours faithfully,
AVERIL BURGESS, Headmistress,
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3 Maresfield Gardens, NW3.
May 1.

From the Headmistress of St Mary's Hall, Brighton

Sir, In his article (April 30) Dr Rae asks that independent school heads should be more open about their examination results.

May I suggest that parents considering sending their daughters to the sixth forms of boys' schools are most interested in the results obtained by the girls in those schools. In *The Times Educational Supplement* this week a list of the schools gaining awards at Oxford and Cambridge this year was published, together with the numbers in their sixth forms.

From this results, it would appear that 3 per cent of the girls in the sixth forms of single-sex schools obtained awards, whilst only 1.2 per cent of the girls in the sixth forms of co-educational and boys' schools, obtained awards.

It would be interesting to know if an analysis of A-level results would produce similar relative percentages, especially of A and B grades.

Yours sincerely,
M. F. C. HARVEY, Headmistress,
St Mary's Hall, Brighton,
Sussex.
May 1.

From Mr Martin Pawley

Sir, The destruction attributed to modern architecture by Mr Scruton was in fact the result of the damage and neglect of two world wars. Between 1914 and 1950 Britain was at war for the equivalent of one day out of every three and a half. Modern architecture played an important part in 30 years of post-war recovery and no other creative ideology could remotely have come to terms with the task. To call this progress and destruction is to confuse cause and effect.

As to Mr Palumbo's Mansion House Square proposal, it is a simple case of architectural patronage pursued with remarkable determination. It is and always has been possible to praise Belcher - why should it not be possible to praise Mies van der Rohe as well?

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN PAWLEY,
21 Bramham Gardens, SW5.
May 2.

From Mr T. D. Bridge

Sir, Coming from Rotherham, in the heart of the South Yorkshire coalfield, the letter from the Reverend R. H. Marshall (April 21) is very important and revealing.

In that letter he says: "The mining industry, and indeed any industry, is not only about economics; it is primarily about the human beings who make that industry work". I believe that to be a very mistaken view of the primary purpose of industry.

Mr Richard Bassett, in his article (April 25) to the "plans to purchase 300 20-year-old Centurion tanks from Holland despite the existence of the modern manufactured Austrian Kurassier tank".

The Austrians are buying 120 Centurion tanks at about £3,800 each. These cannot be compared with the "modern manufactured Austrian Kurassier tank" because the tanks have been bought by the Austrians only for their 105mm guns and turrets.

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I write as one who admires Mr Bassett's writing about Austrian affairs. We thought that your readers would wish to know how the Austrians plan to give the British-made Centurion guns a new role in the defence of their country.

Yours faithfully,
T. D. BRIDGE,
Army Quarterly and Defence
Journal,
1 West Street,
Tavistock, Devon.
April 26.

From Mrs Julie-Anne Hills

Sir, Perhaps David Harrington (May 2) would like to consider the staff on the other side of the fence or glass who have to master and deal with the vast variety and number of transactions the Post Office offers; the long queues of impatient customers (caused by lack of staffing); the persistent customers who come in at 29 minutes past 5 with the most time-consuming of transactions... believe me, I could go on.

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The Post Office not only handles more services and transactions than any other public-service business but also has to contend with a fast-growing bank (Giro) and its customers.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. HILLS,
37 Cranfield Road East,
Carshalton Beeches,
Surrey.
May 2.

From Mr H. C. Seigal

Sir, Mr T. Larsson, (May 1), whose daffodils strangled themselves trying to follow the sun round in the Arctic Circle, should not have attempted to fly in the face of nature. He would have done better to stick to the local flora. The flowers of *Dryas octopetala*, for example, are designed to follow the sun indefinitely as it circles the horizon.

Yours faithfully,
H. C. SEIGAL,
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May 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Changing the face of the City

From Mr J. W. Skillington

Sir, One must admire Mr Palumbo's strength of purpose and loyalty to his ideals (feature, April 30). But to erect the Mies van der Rohe building on the proposed historic site - no! The new tower and the traditional buildings will kill each other. Moreover, one must remember the blighting effect of a tall building on its immediate surroundings.

The site should be in one of the empty areas nearer the river and the tower could be set among smaller buildings of the same architectural idiom.

This could then form an arresting group, which might indeed fit in with the plainer rectangular architecture of dockland.

Yours faithfully,
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Kettering,
Northamptonshire.
May 1.

From the President of The Royal Town Planning Institute

Sir, Roger Scruton's remarks (May 1) about the attitudes of post-war architects and planners cannot remain unchallenged. He implies that as long as there is money to go to Bermuda anything is permitted.

On the contrary, one of the hallmarks of British planning is the integrity of both professional staff and elected members. This corporate working in general reflects current ideals and this is why today, a design which first appeared in 1968 has been rejected by the local planning authority.

It is wrong to build dead architecture. If we are to turn the City of London into a folk museum should we also have another Lutyens bank tailored to fit one of Piranesi's unused town plans?

Planning ought to be alive and reflect today's opinions, which are in favour of the retention of the historic street patterns and building mass with which generations of Londoners have been familiar.

Yours faithfully,
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May 1.

Austrian Army order

From Mr T. D. Bridge

Sir, I met General Heinz Schafft, Chief of General Staff, Austrian Army, last Thursday. He talked to me about the order which his Army has placed for the British Centurion tanks surplus to Netherland Army requirements.

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Pound for pounds

R. RAWLINSON
There is one infallible prescription for cutting the cost of living. It is to drink in Italy, send postcards from Greece, hire a car in Portugal but fill it up in the United States. And if such a crazy journey leaves you feeling bit peckish, toddle across to Spain for the cheapest ice cream and cheese rolls. If on the other hand, you should wish to watch the pounds slip through your fingers with all possible speed just drink the

FRANCE

Paris is bathed in sun, the inflation rate is falling (from 9.3 per cent in 1983 to a current 6.5 per cent) and prices are not much higher than last year. Paris still offers a tremendous choice of hotels, restaurants and cafés. Two people can eat well for £15. The crowded terraces remain the centres of Parisian life and you cannot beat the old favourites: Fouquet's on the Champs Elysées, Le Flore and Les Deux Magots at St-Germain-des-Prés, the Select at Montparnasse. For around £1.50 you can sit for hours with a double café crème. The city's prize features include the world's finest and cheapest underground, the Luxembourg Gardens, a haven on the Left Bank; the fashion shops in the Rue de Grenelle area. The most romantic restaurant remains the Closerie des Lilas, in Montparnasse where Ernest Hemingway wrote. The coolest place in the bustling Opéra district is the Hôtel Scribe (£11.60 lunch). And 50,000 Frenchmen cannot be wrong: that is the number which visits the remarkable Béaubourg museum each day.

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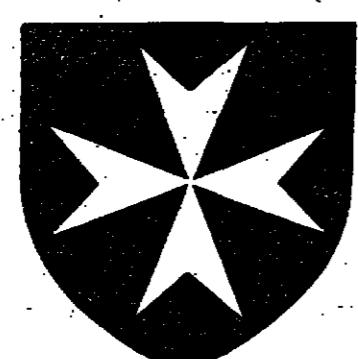
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1/2 litre carafe of wine in a typical restaurant
1/2 litre of beer, local if available
A cup of coffee
A fizzy soft drink
A postcard and stamp to send it home
Car hire, per week for the cheapest model
A gallon of petrol - three-star quality
A decent cheese roll or sandwich
An ice cream - street or beach price
Current inflation rate
Rate of exchange five years ago

You can go anywhere for 15p on Madrid's quaint old underground - a few of the coaches still running date (with refurbishments) from 1919. The more modern buses are equally cheap.

Fish is the food to go for Spaniards (and Danes) rank second only to the Japanese in the world's fish-eating league, which means you can often enjoy good quality fresh fish in popularly priced restaurants. You can, for instance, eat for £4.25 or savour grilled sole or half a dozen oysters for about £3.50. But Spaniards are so fond of fish that they tend to take it "neat" or with only a tiny potato or two or a few peas so that vegetables or a salad have to be ordered as extras.

Window shopping reveals an amazing variety of prices, an indication of Spaniards' individualism or anarchism and of insufficient endorsement by the public authorities of (theoretical) price controls. Sometimes: find a private supplier and bring back some bottles as gifts.

GREECE

With a cost-of-living index that has risen by 143 per cent in the past five years, Greece is no longer quite as attractive for British holidaymakers as it used to be.

What is more, the quality of its services leaves so much to be desired that the tourist authorities are getting really worried.

But a holiday in Greece is still a bargain as well as an incomparable experience that combines sun-drenched fun on some undiscovered island with the thrill of exploring the blurred confines between history and legend. To that you can add a spirit of hospitality that in most parts of Greece is a way of life rather than an imposed courtesy.

Athens is one of the places where hospitality is rare. This is a city that coops up one-third of the country's population of 10 million, choking in a congestion

of unruly traffic and a cloud of pollution and rapidly deteriorating human relations.

The tourist is likely to feel this the moment he lands at Athens airport. All the minor irritants are there lurking for him, in the form of the luggage cart that has to be fetched from outside the terminal building (there are no porters) or the taxi-driver who, after taking you on, will not set out until he has secured another one or two passengers to double or treble his earnings for the 10-mile ride from Athens - a trip which costs barely £2. Taxis are so cheap, in fact, that they are difficult to come by, especially when you need them. The alternative is to hire a self-drive car.

Food in Greece can be exciting and interesting, especially in the more unassuming tavernas. But often it is served so cold and so ungraciously that you are made to feel you are not getting your money's worth. A decent lunch for two with wine at one of the more attractive restaurants in Athens costs between £14 and £28. Fish is far too costly in a country that boasts more than 9,000 miles of coastline.

Breakfast in Spanish hotels

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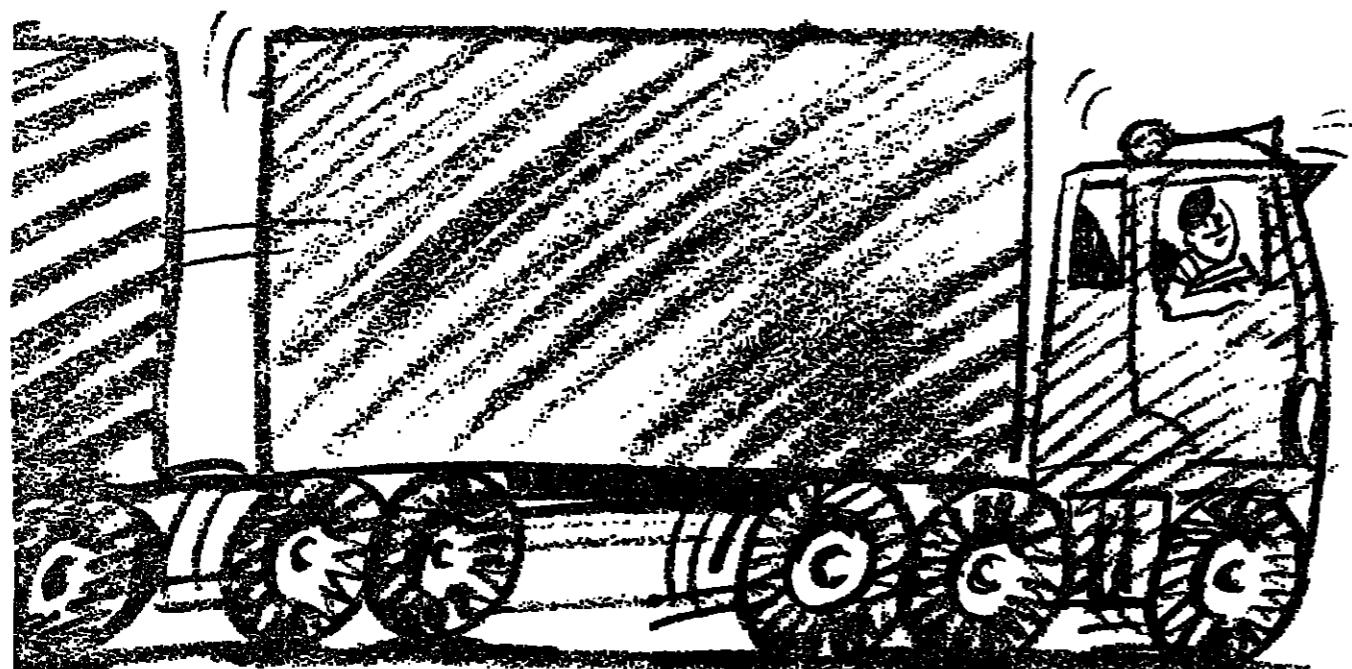
Enjoy pedestrian islands but be wary: a country which has lived lovingly cheek by jowl with motorcars for years is still at a loss to know what to do with quiet and space. The only natives with any clear ideas are the sort who are always ready to move into any vacuum - drugpushers, down-and-outs, and the occasional inspired soul of silence and restriction who will risk trying a quick dash across the island in his Fiat 500 just for the hell of it.

Be careful about using a bar telephone which is constantly available because it usually means that you are in the middle of the expensive hours for making even local calls: so study the chart of high and low charges - the difference is substantial.

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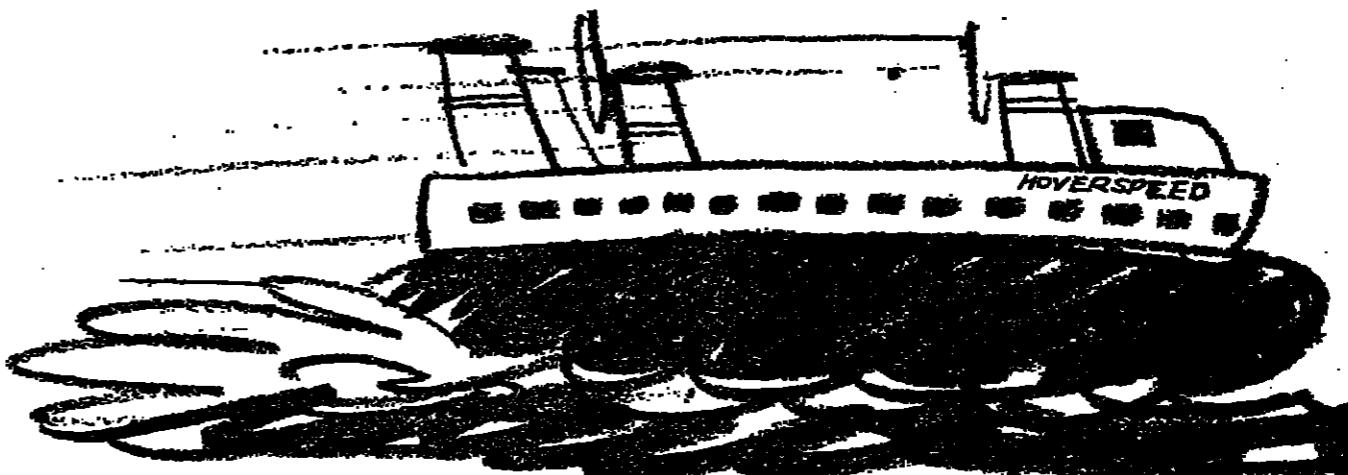
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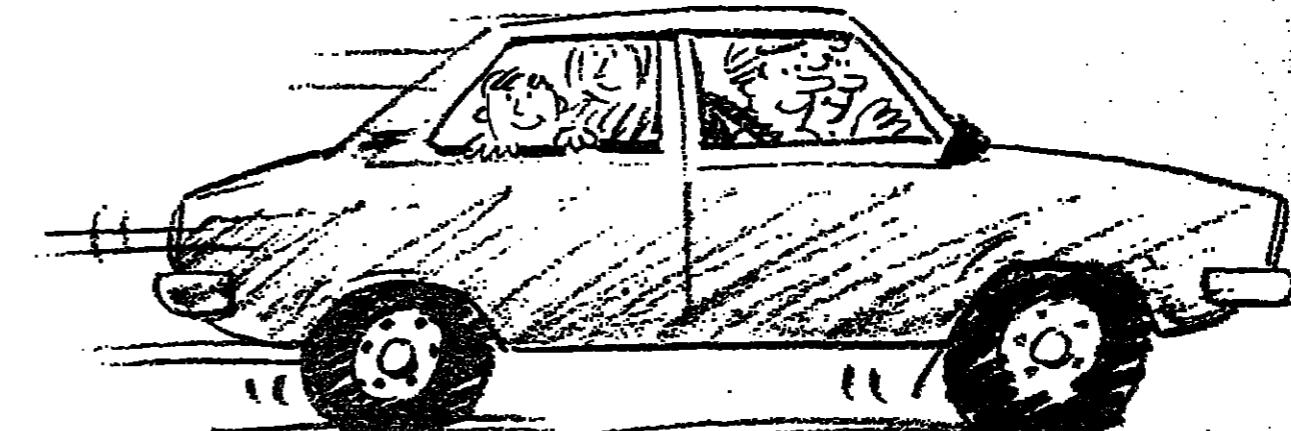
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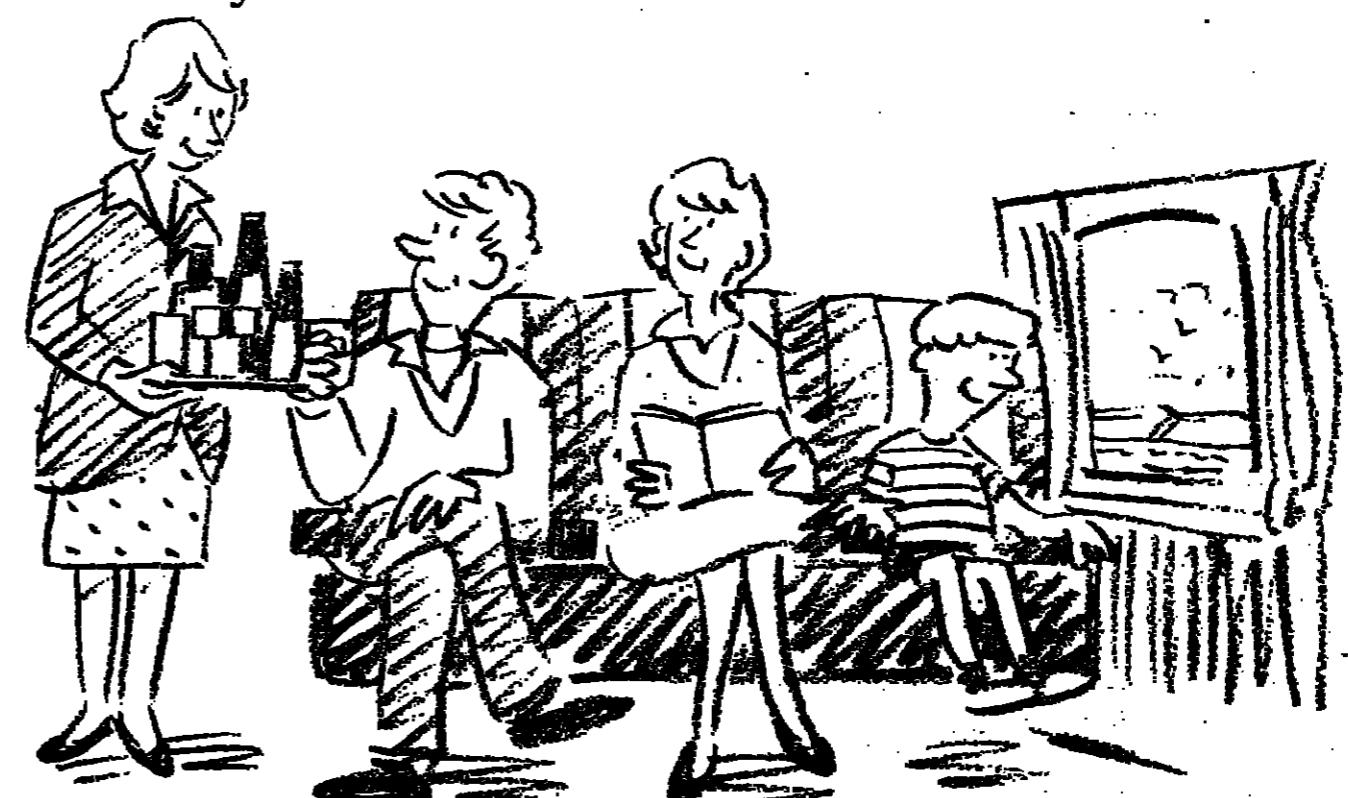
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Learning the hard way on a coast-to-coast whistlestopper

This is the memoir of a trans-American whistlestopper, a lightning tour in which I visited 11 cities in 12 days. There were down flights and many a day ended long past my bedtime. It could have happened to anyone on a lecture/sales/publicity tour of the United States.

It was the Americans' revenge for all those jokes we have enjoyed about their whirling European tours. No longer "it's Wednesday so it must be Belgium". For me it was Thursday, so (presumably) Minneapolis.

On the road I learned a few tricks of the travelling trade.

Travel Lesson No 1

You cannot rely on a hotel, however expensive. At the lavishly refurbished New York Hilton, there is no finer hotel in New York, says the *Gault-Millau Guide*, a package delivered on Sunday was not found until Tuesday, messages went astray twice and the telephonist delivered another in hopelessly garbled form.

Travel Lesson No 2

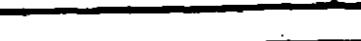
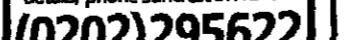
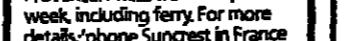
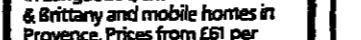
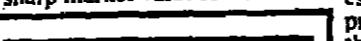
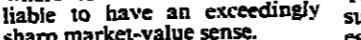
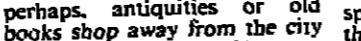
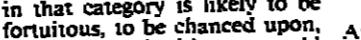
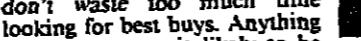
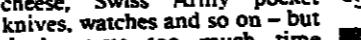
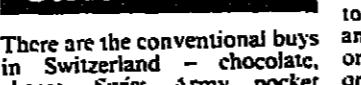
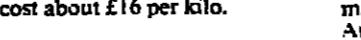
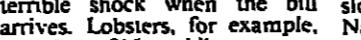
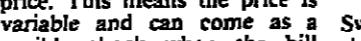
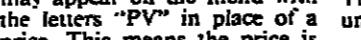
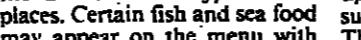
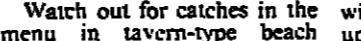
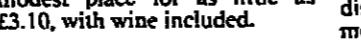
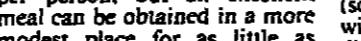
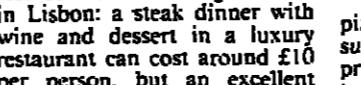
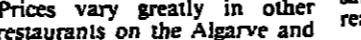
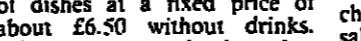
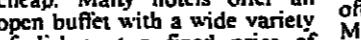
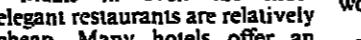
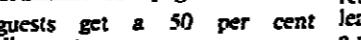
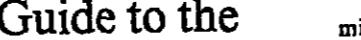
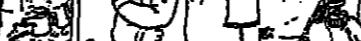
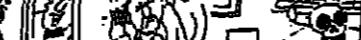
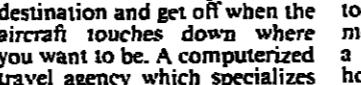
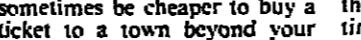
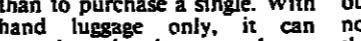
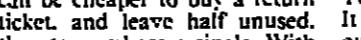
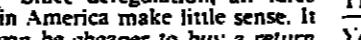
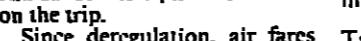
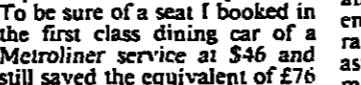
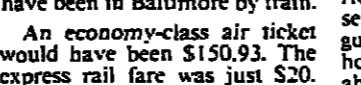
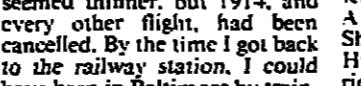
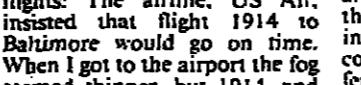
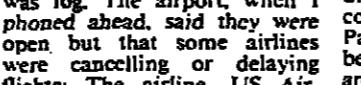
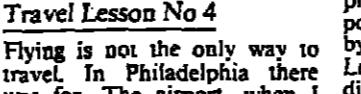
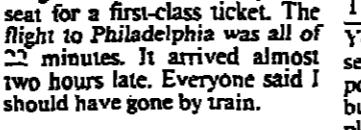
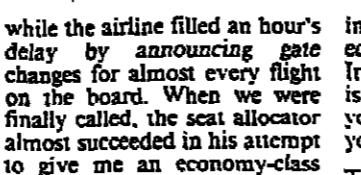
Double-lock your hotel door at all times, against hotel staff if not the thieves. "Don't disturb" signs are not enough. At the Inter-Continental a room-service waiter barged in late, with crashing trays and the obligatory effusive bonhomie, right in the middle of a live radio interview by telephone. Room service later rang to ask whether everything had been satisfactory. When told "certainly not" the captain calmly continued:

"Well, will it be all right then if we add a gratuity to the check for the waiter?"

Despite the \$30m that the Inter-Continental has lavished on the old Barclay, I was not sorry to leave it for the scarcely less-expensively restored St Regis Sheraton, where service kept better pace with the surroundings. Indeed, having been treated royally there, I felt that I rather disappointed the doorman by leaving in a shabby but economical limousine, hired from the Tel-Aviv Limousine Corp, to ferry me, for only \$25, including toll and tip, to JFK Airport.

Travel Lesson No 3

Check in early, and often. At JFK behind the Pan Am desk it said that passengers with hand baggage only could check in at the departure gate. So I hiked half a mile toting the bags, to discover that the plane was delayed and the first-class lounge right back where I had come from. I perched on a broken seat in a crowded area



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Andrea Coggins makes quilts the way abstract artists paint
pictures, using flowing sweeps of colour to achieve dramatic or atmospheric effects.
Having won a Crafts Council grant to set up a workshop, she deals mostly with interior designers, but also will make to commission for private customers. She will create colours and designs to blend with existing schemes.
Her range includes all sizes of quilts from the cot-size shown - 80cm x 100cm, £47.50 (£1.50 p/p) - to single from £138 and queen-size from £181. There are also cushions from £17 and hangings from £62.

The quality of the workmanship is extremely high. All quilts are made of fine plain chintz, machine-stitched and quilted with washable polyester wadding. A standard colour chart is available or special colours can be prepared for a fee of £25. Send a sample of your furnishing fabric and you will receive a quilted sample of the proposed colourways.

For more details write to Andrea Coggins, Rainbow Quilts, 21 Cricketfield Road, London E5 (01-988 8846).

For the first time in 22 years the Duke of Edinburgh's annual prize for outstanding achievement in design was this week awarded to a textile company. Five years ago the company was nearly bankrupt, but today its annual turnover is more than £1m and the world is its market.

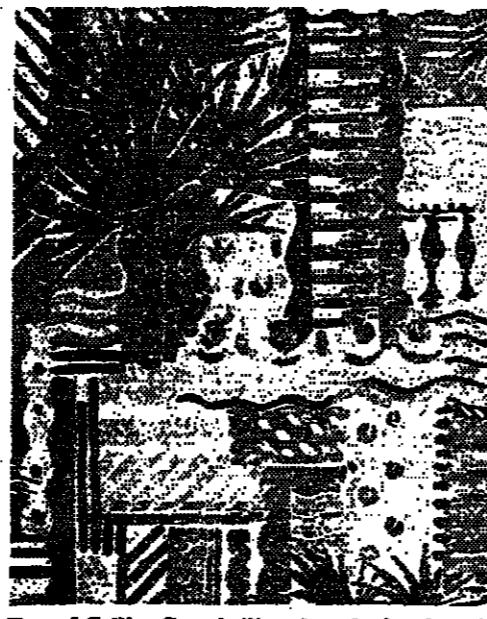
The prize, which is Prince Philip's personal choice from all the awards made by the Design Council in consumer and industrial fields, was made in recognition of the success of two designers, Susan Collier and her sister Sarah Campbell. Their story is an example of the kind of talent and determination that can help British industry to excel.

Britain's textile industry is not renowned for its respect for designers, and the firm of Collier Campbell have had their fair share of knocks. In 1979, after 20 years of design experience, including colour consultancy for Liberty and many best-selling lines, they lost the mainstay of their studio, a company to which they licensed most of their designs.

This was at a time when the British textile industry was on the verge of collapse. Susan Collier knew that she would never rely on anybody else again. She wanted their studio in future to be totally responsible not only for the designs but the way they were used, from the research of the cloth to the printing and delivery of the finished goods - in fact, to become a manufacturing company.

"I was completely innocent of the sort of thing that could happen to designers - some companies do take advantage of their lack of business sense - and it was only when I lost my job and was deeply in debt that I realised I had no right to innocence. It was my saving."

A request for a Collier Campbell price list from the American store Macys, which had seen their fabrics in Paris,



Two of Collier Campbell's prize-winning furnishing fabrics. Côte d'Azur, left, and Havana are both 137cm wide, £7.95 a metre from Liberty, Regent Street, London W1

took Susan to New York - "I didn't have a price list, so I took £99 flight to tell them personally."

Cross-classification - the use of the same design on fabrics, wallpapers, seatcapes and so on - was new in 1979 and the meeting was held in 1979, after 20 years of design experience, including colour consultancy for Liberty and many best-selling lines, they lost the mainstay of their studio, a company to which they licensed most of their designs.

But, in spite of being in

desperate need of the money, she refused. "It seemed to contravene the essence of design. If you package something it's a sort of coffin. It may be all right for someone who wants to produce a graphic look, or an archive look, but to us it would have killed the ebullience and life force of high fashion."

One piece of good advice did come out of that meeting - "get yourself a good sheet company". In the United States people buy sheets as the British make cups of tea, to cheer themselves up, and the financial security of designing collections that sell in 100,000 dozens gives the freedom that all designers crave.

Both ranges are unusual in

that they were conceived in

the way abstract artists paint

pictures, using flowing sweeps of colour to achieve dramatic or atmospheric effects.

Having won a Crafts Council grant to set up a workshop, she deals mostly with interior designers, but also will make to commission for private customers. She will create colours and designs to blend with existing schemes.

Her range includes all sizes of

quilts from the cot-size shown - 80cm x 100cm, £47.50 (£1.50 p/p) - to single from £138 and queen-size from £181. There are also cushions from £17 and hangings from £62.

SHOPFRONT

the best use of space, from putting cupboards under the stairs to making three rooms out of two high-ceilinged ones.

It tells you which jobs you should leave to the professionals, which will add most to the value of your house, and even how to design a central heating system. Even though it is quite a big book, 314 pages, there is not enough space to treat everything in depth, but it is packed with imaginative ideas for improvement. It costs £12.95 including p&p from the Subsidiary Department, the Consumers' Association, 100 Kingsway, London, SG 1 LH. Those who are not at all practically inclined and prefer to use their leisure for pleasure are also offered a splendid handbook this month - *How to Paint and Draw What You See* by Ray Smith (Dorling Kindersley, £12.50).

The author, whose paintings have been exhibited in galleries in Britain and abroad, believes that anyone can learn the basic techniques by practising simple copying exercises. He illustrates a variety of paintings and takes the amateur step by step through the processes needed to achieve the finished work.

He tells you what materials to use,

what colours to mix and how to apply them, and gives detailed illustrated instruction on every stage of the creation of each picture. The book is available at branches of W. H. Smith.

Beastie beauties

Children's small gifts are more fun

presented in a Beastie Box. This

zoo is one of six animal heads

designed by Robert Crowther for

United Nations Designs, each 24in

75p at Scribbler, 170 King's

Road, London SW3, and 29 St

James Street, London WC2.

Paintings rather than prints for

textiles and they do in fact look

like hand-painted cloth. This is

a great tribute both to the insistence of the design team on

an exact reproduction of their

colours and to the printers, Standfast of Lancaster, who

have achieved it in itself something of a victory.

It is early days to evaluate the

success of the scheme's

worth will also be whether the

companies continue to use

design consultants and the feed-

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is that the prospects for long-term

associations are very good."

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could apply to the Design

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consultancy, with an option of

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The response was so great

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Keith Grant, director of the

Design Council, is delighted

with progress so far. "We have

managed to encourage 1,500

companies who have never used

design consultants before to do

so. Such a vigorous response is

in itself something of a victory.

It is early days to evaluate the

success in terms of products.

The scheme didn't get fully

under way until the autumn of

1982. So because it takes time

between the design stage of a

product and getting it on to the

market, it is too soon to make a

judgment, but I am confident

that the outcome of this

innovation is an important

consideration and Kenneth

Grange of Pentagram, chairman

of the consumer durables

committee, was "immensely

encouraged by the number and

greatly improved quality this

year compared with last".

A selection of consumer

products is illustrated. It repre-

sents the face of British

design that we can all appreciate.

But the other winners

should not be overlooked be-

cause of any lack of photo-

graphic appeal. They range

from excavators and pale-resis-

tant roofing to road sweepers and

short-haul aircraft. To qualify

for an award they must have

been successful in production

and in use, proving that design

is not just about looking good

but about working well and

making profits. It is hoped that

their success will encourage

other British companies to

follow the same direction.

Success is breeding suc-

cess in the field of

British design. This

week 27 companies won Design

Council awards and three

received commendations. Next

week the Department of Trade

and Industry is expected to

announce new schemes to keep

up the momentum of industry's

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REVIEW Rock & jazz records of the month

This summer's flavour must be Bananarama

There is a moment during Bananarama's second LP that will not be bettered this summer, whether by Bruce Springsteen or anyone else. "Hot Line to Heaven" is already a very good song when, after five minutes or so, it suddenly halts and reduces to a single strumming acoustic guitar, joined in leisurely succession by the luxuriant synthesized bass characteristic of productions by Tony Swaine and Steve Jolley, by handclaps, by string synthesizer, by a chattering electric guitar and, eventually, by the voices of Keren, Sarah and Siobhan.

What it reminds me of is the Mama's and the Papa's, "California Dreaming" and "Dedicated to the One I Love" and the reference points: a summer sound of white pop music to insert between the hotter, darker slabs of soul.

This is a most accomplished record, full of charming surprises. "Cruel Summer" replays "It Might As Well Rain Until September" and "Sealed With a Kiss" for the 1980s, while "The Shape I'm In" is an electro version of northern soul more artful than anything Soft Cell have achieved.

Swaine and Jolley produce Bananarama as they produce *Imagination* and *Spandau Ballet*, with immense style and subtlety. It is hard to imagine that "Cruel Summer", "Dream Baby" and especially "Hot Line to Heaven" will not be the flavour of the summer in discoteques from St Ives to St Tropez. Their sound is the closest to an indivisible international style that Abba apart, pop has yet achieved.

Swaine and Jolley have textures, from the rubber cushion of their synthetic bass to the schoolgirl plain song of the Banana girls. So does Stewart Copeland, the drummer of the Police, whose soundtrack to Francis Ford Coppola's outstanding film *Rumble Fish* is evidence of a previously unsuspected talent.

Copeland accompanies Coppola's poetic, dream-like vision of small-town teenage life with something completely unexpected. The ease option would have been Springsteen or Bob Seger: the James Dean style updated for the Compact Disc generation. Instead, Copeland has invented a kind of music that sounds like Elvis's old Sun

Bananarama: *Bananarama* (London RAMA 21). Stewart Copeland: *Rumble Fish* (A&M AMLX 64983). Daniel Ponce: *New York Now!* (OAO 002). Solomon Burke: *Cry to Me* (Charly R&B CRS 10751).

Records backing band filtered through Ennio Morricone's imagination: a skewed impression of basic rockabilly warped into a series of exciting miniatures.

No less in love with colour and effect is Daniel Ponce, a conga player who arrived in the United States from Cuba on the celebrated (or infamous) refugee ship *Mariel* in 1980, and who has subsequently made a considerable reputation for his work with Paquito D'Rivera, the former saxophonist with Irakere, and Jorge Dalo, the talented salsa pianist.

New York Now! is mostly a celebration of percussion, but exposure to the contemporary Manhattan scene ensures a degree of genre-bending buried beneath the traditional-sounding choruses and the implacable hand-drumming. It will not be to everyone's taste, but it should certainly be heard by those who last year fell under the spell of King Sunny Adé.

By contrast, listening to Solomon Burke is like putting on a pair of old slippers. One of the finest soul men of the halcyon era of the middle 1960s, Burke has been poorly served by history: Otis Redding and Marvin Gaye are far better remembered.

Cry to Me, the first anthology of his vintage recordings, should make some redress, since it includes the incomparably rousing "Everybody Needs Somebody to Love", the tragic "The Price" and his sharp reading of Dylan's "Maggie's Farm".

Sadly, though, where it could have been perfect, it is not. Several inferior songs are included, at the expense of such perfect artifacts as "Only Love (Can Save Me Now)", "Someone to Love Me", "(No Nor) I Can't Stop Loving You Now" and "Dance Dance Dance".

The album does, however, contain the immortal "Goodbye Baby (Baby Goodbye)". For all its flaws, *Cry to Me* is historically essential.

Richard Williams



Dessert rock: Bananarama (top) and Blancmange, bursting with good things

A big brother who has blossomed in the shade

Older brothers of prodigies everywhere can take heart from *Scenes in the City*, which would be remarkable even if it were not the leadership debut of the brother of Wynton Marsalis, the most celebrated jazz star in decades.

A couple of years older than Wynton, at 23, Branford Marsalis has blossomed in his shadow. I thought his playing with Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers a couple of years ago was full of promise; last year he set the seal of maturity on his work with the old Miles Davis rhythm section in the VSO's II concert on the South Bank. Now, with *Scenes in the City*, he displays for the first time his true depth, versatility and potential.

The repertoire is thoughtfully organized around a variety of

Branford Marsalis: *Scenes in the City* (CBS 25952). Wynton Kelly/George Coleman: *Live in Baltimore* (Affinity AFF 108, two records).

rhythm-section players, of whom the bassist Charney Mofett (the 16-year-old son of Charles Mofett, Art Blakey's erstwhile drummer) is astonishingly inventive in "Waiting for Tain", while Marsin Smith, another young man, drums with a precocious authority on several tracks.

Marsalis concentrates on the soprano and tenor saxophones, which I find rather a pity since I admire the originality of his attitude to the alto saxophone, unheard, since his stint with Blakey. It is pleasing to report,

however, that the influence of Wayne Shorter appears to have diminished: the coiled convolutions of "No Backstage Pass", a blues improvised with the aid of Smith and Ron Carter, has the particular intensity of Sam Rivers - a more stimulating model.

The title track is a true curiosity. "Scenes in the City" was an essay in the briefly fashionable form of poetry-with-jazz, conceived by Charles Mingus in 1957. Branford, an expanded ensemble and the narrator, Ed Williams, stick to the original script and create a piece of beatish revivalism to rival Tom Waits's early work.

I lost my heart to Wynton Kelly about twenty years ago, via a fragment of solo piano called "Love I've Found You" which Miles Davis saw fit to

include as the tailpiece to the first volume of his quintet's live recordings at the Blackhawk club in San Francisco. Something about that trifle glowed with an uncommon joy, an optimism which I later realized suffused every note Kelly played until his death in 1971.

Live in Baltimore was recorded in 1967 by Kelly with George Coleman (another Davis graduate) on tenor saxophone, Ron McClure on the bass and the great Jimmy Cobb at the drums. The tapes are by no means perfect (there is the occasional momentary garble, and more than the average amount of permanent distortion), but the beauty of Kelly's soul shines through every chorus.

R. W.

PREVIEW Theatre

Dancing all the way back to gangland

West Side Story burst on to the London stage just over 25 years ago, arousing excitement and an appreciation of the spectacular dancing, not to mention the music, which reverberated throughout the theatre for years.

A new production of this Broadway musical is being presented from next week at Her Majesty's Theatre, in London, where it opened in December 1958. The associations between the two productions do not end there: the original direction and choreography of Jerome Robbins have been reproduced by Tom Abbott, who played in the original production and became a close friend of Robbins.

But while the production will follow Robbins's ideas, there is one big difference from the 1958 version: the cast will be all-British instead of all-American. Then it was accepted that suitable home-grown actors and actresses were not available; now, however, according to Richard Pilbrow, who is presenting the show for Theatre Projects Associates, "Andrew Lloyd Webber and others tell us that we are as good as the Americans and he has used his own musicals to prove it. I do not actually believe it, but we do have singers and dancers who are good."

It will also look different: looking back, Pilbrow remembers the original show, using back lighting and gauzes, as being "a bit old-fashioned". Stagecraft has changed direction since then and this production, designed by Martin Johns, "is more realistic and modern".

Pilbrow saw the new *West Side Story* at the Leicester Haymarket, where it opened before Christmas; since then it has had a highly successful run in Manchester, Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

Audiences have not been going to see it just out of nostalgia, and a large portion of those buying tickets have been in their early twenties. Pilbrow believes one reason is that dance is much more popular now, partly through the influence of John Travolta and the kids from *Fame*.



Gang show: English Jets in *West Side Story*, previewing at Her Majesty's this week

so right now. It is also about lunatic misunderstandings between people, which is certainly relevant.

West Side Story was written by Arthur Laurents, with music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, a formidable team of collaborators.

There are no established stars in the new production, but then, as Pilbrow points out, it was this show which made stars of the cast when it was first performed.

The cast of *Sharks and Jets* and their girls is led by Steven Pace as Tony, Jan Hartley as Maria, Lee Robinson as Anita, Richard A. Pettyfer as Riff and Sam Williams as Bernard. Casting has been going on since last August, with changes along the way.

There have been several reviews of *West Side Story* and about three years ago it appeared again on Broadway. Arthur Laurents saw it then and judged it technically perfect and generally "not bad". He has seen the new production on its travels and has pronounced himself "thrilled".

Christopher Warman

West Side Story reviews at Her Majesty's Theatre (930 6605) from Tues. Opens May 16. Mon-Fri at 7.30pm. Sat at 5pm and 8pm; matinee Wed at 2pm.

This acclaimed show from black South Africa has proved a great

Critics' choice

THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO SEX

Lyric, Hammersmith (741 2311)

Mon-Fri performances today at 4pm

and 7.45pm.

The two-man National Theatre of

Brent presents the private lives of

inter alia Edward VIII, rabbits,

Snow White and Michelangelo, with the usual notoriety mishaps.

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

Barbican (020 8795/638 8891)

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to The Comedy of Errors (today and

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and Wed at 7.30pm. Tues at 7pm)

Adrian Noble's distinguished and

spectacular production sets

Shakespeare's great problem

comedy in the winter world of an

eighteenth-century absolute

monarchy.

PASSION PLAY

Wyndham's (030 3028)

Mon-Fri at 5pm. Sat at 5pm and

8.30pm; matinee Sat at 3pm

Since the best comedy in London

was and is dazzlingly intricate,

Peter Nichols's award-winning

1981 play about unwilling adultery

now stars Leslie Phillips and Judy

Parrott, with Barry Forster and Zena

Walker offering advice and

reappraise as their identically

dressed inner selves.

POPPIE NONGENA

Riverside Studios (748 3354)

Until tomorrow. Sat. Sun at 8pm

This acclaimed show from black

South Africa has proved a great

success in London: a story of a harassed, endlessly wandering

family that is both tragic and

uplifting. Transfers to the Donmar

Warehouse (031 1071) from Thurs

Mon-Sat at 8pm.

SAINT JOAN

Oliver (928 2252)

Wed-Fri at 7.15pm.

In repertory with Guys and Dolls

by Frank Loesser (today and Tues

at 2pm and 7.15pm, Mon at

7.15pm).

In Ronald Eyns' spectacular

production, Shaw's great play fills

epically this vast auditorium

without ever quite stalling the

doublets it always raises. Strong

cast, led by Frances de la Tour's

gritty, rustic vision.

STRANGE INTERLUDE

Duke of York's (036 5122)

Mon-Sat at 6pm.

Trumphant, very sensitive revival

of Eugene O'Neill's 1927 marathon

piece (it lasts for five hours) about a

young woman (Glenys Kinnear)

who loves her friend and despises

a contrasted trio of lovers, played

by Edward Petherbridge, Brian Cox

and James Hazeldine. In search of

satisfaction as a wife and mother.

A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE

Mammar (036 5568)

Until May 26. Mon-Sat at 7.45pm;

matinees Sat at 3pm.

Gripping new revival of Tennessee

Williams's masterpiece, interest-

ingly reinterpreted by director Alan

Strachan and with an over-

whelming performance by Sheila

Gish in the grueling central role.

WATFORD: Palace (0923 25571).

Morning's at Seven by Paul



Critics' choice

AND THE SHIP SAILS ON (15)
Academy One, Oxford Street
(437 2881)
All aboard the SS *Federico Fellini* for a symbolic ocean trip in the summer of 1954, with an assorted company of a singer, a Hollywood star, peasant peasants and a gangster's gangster.

Wim Wenders' Party brilliant, party banal, strained, Freddie Jones' superbly flavoured cast.

CARMEN (15)

Curzon (488 3737/8)
Carmen's second collaboration with dancer Antonio Gades and his troupe. References to flamenco-style *Carmen* ballet are interwoven with a weak story of jealous love. Less potent than the original *Blood Wedding*, but the dancing remains irresistible.

PARCEL TAKES A TRAIN (15)

Curzon (222 727 8709)
Director Pal Sander presents a gripping, multi-layered portrait of Hungary in December 1956 when old allegiances (to family, to country, to the Party) are cruelly tested. Atmospheric photography, resonant performances by Peter Szabó and Sándor Zsoter as two young men heading towards the Austrian border.

THE DEAD ZONE (18)

ABC Bayview (228 4148)
ABC Edgeware Road (723 5901)
ABC Fulham Road (370 2838)
ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (536 8811)
Classic Haymarket (839 1527)
Classic Oxford Street (636 0310)
and on national release
Canadian director David Cronenberg forgoes his usual gory shocks for this absorbing version of *Stage Fright*, the horror novel by John le Carré (Christopher Walken) emerges from a five-year coma with second sight. Cohesion is damaged by the plot's wild leaps into politics, but performances are well judged and the atmosphere often unnerving. With Brooke Adams, Martin Sheen.

THE DRESSER (PG)

Odyssey Haymarket (830 2738)
Odyssey Kensington (602 5644)
Classic Chelsea (352 5096)
and on national release
Profound screen treatment of Ronald Harwood's stage hit about an actor-managed and his dresser struggling with long-term memory loss. Despite Hitler's bombs, fractious actors, and crumbling health, the backstage atmosphere is usefully enlarged; Albert Finney and Tom Courtenay play with great theatrical panache. Directed by Peter Yates.



Feeding time: Kristy McNichol serves up a hamburger for the ferocious hound in Sam Fuller's *White Dog*

GREYSTOKE: THE LEGEND OF TARZAN (PG)

ABC Bayview (228 4149)
ABC Edgeware Road (723 5901)
ABC Fulham Road (370 2838)

ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (536 8811)

The first film directed by Peter

Hudson since his much-praised

Charlton Heston contains the last

screen appearance of Sir Ralph Richardson. A modest and

interesting treatment of the original

Tarzan novel lurks somewhere

inside this wayward spectacular.

Hudson never quite drags it out,

though there is always something

to watch, from the simian special

effects to Sir Ralph's performance.

EDUCATING RITA (PG)

Classic Oxford Street (636 0310)

Odeon Kensington (602 5644)

Royal Charing Cross Road

(488 3737)

The film style may be unpolished,

but the material and production

context are fascinating: this drama

about a young man sent to

Manhattan to assassinate an

enemy of the Khomelini regime was

made by Iranians exiled in America.

Written, produced and directed by

Peter Sayyad.

FANNY AND ALEXANDER (15)

Camden Plaza (485 2443)

Ingrid Bergman's Oscar-winning

evocation of life, joys and terrors,

staged with exceptional opulence,

beauty and lightness of touch. It

was judged the best foreign

language picture.

LIFE IS A BED OF ROSES (PG)

Chelsea Cinema (351 3742)

ends on Wed

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Today

MIDDLESEX SEVENS: Richmond, the holders, start the defence of their title against Saracens in Rugby Union's traditional end-of-season festival at Twickenham. Dark horses are Old Kingsburians, who reached the final stage by putting out Wasps, and Cheam: the guest sides are Heriot's FP and Bridgend. The first match kicks off at 12.45pm and there are highlights on Rugby Special, BBC2, 10.30-11.30pm.

RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE On today's final between Wigan and Widnes, means a change in the BBC Television commentary team since Alex Murphy, who would normally be assisting Ray French in covering the match, has a more direct involvement as the Wigan coach. With Widnes likely to prove tough opposition, he may have his work cut out keeping the team to victory. The whole match is being televised live from Wembley, BBC1, from 2.40pm.

EUROVISION SONG CONTEST: Luxembourg plays host to the 19 competition, with the national entry is "Love Games", written by Paul Curtis and Graham Sacher and sung by Belle and the Devotions: and Terry Wogan will be on hand as usual to strike a note of genial scepticism. BBC1, 8-10.30pm.

THE MORTE D'ARTHUR: John Barton, associate director of the Royal Shakespeare Company for 24 years, makes his first appearance as a television actor playing Sir Thomas Malory in his own adaptation of Malory's epic about King Arthur. Jeremy Brett plays Arthur, Barbara Kellermann is Guenevere and the director is Gillian Lynne, choreographer of the stage musical *Cats* and the film *Yentl*. BBC2, 8-9.25pm.

HARRY S. TRUMAN: Like his British contemporary, Clement Attlee, Truman was an underrated statesman whose reputation stands higher now than during his term of office. President of the United States from 1945 to 1952, Truman was born in May 1884 and to mark the centenary there are two programmes today: an assessment of his life and work by the American scholar Esmond Wright (Radio 3, 8.35-8.55pm); and *The Buck Sticks Here!* - the slogan Truman had on his White House desk - with contributions from his daughter Margaret, Alastair Cooke, Aiger Hiss, and Roy Jenkins, who is writing a biography (Radio 4, 10.15-11.00pm).

Tomorrow

MADNESS: Two days of Bank Holiday entertainment at the Barbican Centre. In the cinema an hour of cartoons begins on the hour, every hour, from 1pm on both days, while in the hall Atarah's Band play at 3pm both days. The Royal Shakespeare Company gives a preview of *A Comedy of Errors* and a performance of *Life's a Dream* in the two theatres tomorrow. There is also music, exhibitions and restaurants. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (031 8691 / 628 8795).



Lively legend: The epic tale of King Arthur (see Today)



Buck stopper: Harry S. Truman in an unlikely double act with Lauren Bacall in 1945, and in 1967 (see Today)



SAN MARINO GRAND PRIX: Derek Warwick's fine performance in Zolder last week, where he was only 42 seconds behind the winner. Michele Alboreto, has put him in second place in the motor-racing world drivers' championship, and now he has another opportunity to strengthen his challenge. Nelson Piquet's title. There is live television coverage of the race on Sunday *Grandstand*, BBC2, from 2pm; and highlights, BBC1, 11.05-11.40.

ERIK SATIE: When the young Satie came into a shop, one of his purchases was 12 identical grey velvet suits; after his death from drink 30 years later, the suits were among his few possessions. Such eccentricity, together with his small output, have led him to be taken less seriously as a composer than he deserves. But according to John Cage, he has been an important influence on twentieth-century music. This assessment of Satie is presented by David Wheeler and includes the views of composers, musicians and critics. Radio 3, 5.15-6.15pm.

THE SUPERMILERS: Thirty years ago today Roger (now Sir Roger) Bannister became the first man to run a mile in under four minutes. Since then 10 athletes have gone even faster over the distance, including Herb Elliott, John Landy, Peter Snell, Lillian Bilocca, Derek Ibbotson, Steve Ovett and the current world-record holder, Sebastian Coe. This documentary recalls the great races and looks at the personalities and careers of the athletes involved. Channel 4, 10.15-11.30pm.

TO THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH PRECINCT: He was born Salvatore Lombino in the Italian area of Harlem in New York, and as Evan Hunter he wrote the book *Blackboard Jungle*, which in its film version, launched Cliff Hagan and the careers of an era of rock 'n' roll. But he is even better known as Ed McBain, prolific writer of police thrillers set in the 87th Precinct. In this profile, Hunter/McBain returns to his New York roots and talks about his latest book, which is based on the Lizzie Borden axe murders. *The South Bank Show*, all TV regions, 10.30-11.30pm.

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THE WINNERS: For Bank Holiday Monday, BBC1 is repeating five programmes which between them collected 13 of this year's British Academy of Film and Television Arts awards. Four are comedy shows, *Hi-De-Hi* (7.30-8pm), *The Two Ronnies* (8-8.50pm), *Three of a Kind*

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DIAGHILEV AUCTION: The most important sale of costumes, designs and other material associated with Diaghilev's *Ballets Russes* takes place at Sotheby's today. It is Diaghilev's own collection, which was acquired by Serge Lifar, his friend, dancer and ultimate heir, after his death. The collection was exhibited in March at the Royal Festival Hall and includes the costumes designed by Picasso for *Massine in Parade*; Debussy's 1912 manuscript of *Jeux*; Diaghilev's death mask and a portrait of Lifar painted by Picasso in 1925. Sotheby's 34-35 New Bond Street, London W1 (493 8080), at 10.30am and 2.30pm.

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PYGMALION: Ray Cooney directs a revival of George Bernard Shaw's best known comedy, with Peter O'Toole as Professor Higgins, Jackie Smith-Wood as Eliza, Jack Watling as Colonel Pickering, plus Joanne Catherall, Barbara Murray, Lally Bowes, Timothy Ackroyd and Amanda Prior. Shaftesbury (836 6598/4255). Previews today at 8pm, Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5.30pm and 8.30pm; matinees Wed at 3pm. Opens May 15 at 7pm. Until July 14.

MAHLER MANUSCRIPT: A hitherto unknown manuscript of Mahler's First Symphony in D Major ("The Titan") is to be exhibited at Sotheby's today, an extraordinary rarity estimated to be worth £150,000. It dates from the 1890s and has 21 pages in Mahler's own hand. The sale of music, books and manuscripts also includes manuscripts of 10 of Mahler's songs, and Wagner's draft of "Siegfried's Death", later to become the fourth opera of his Ring cycle. Sotheby's, 34-35 New Bond Street, London W1 (493 8080), at 11am.

DIPLOMA WATERCOLOURS: The New Society of Painters in Water Colour was founded in 1882 and in 1883 became the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours - a name that can still be read around the frame of 195 Piccadilly, its grand building opposite the Royal Academy. It has now returned to share a home with the Federation of British Artists, and Christie's sell its complete collection of diploma drawings (which survived the bomb that landed on the Piccadilly building in the Second World War).

The turn-of-the-century watercolours by artists such as Yeend King, Clifford and Margetson are particularly fine. Christie's, 8 King Street, London W1 (839 9050), at 11am.

TWO DIRECTORS: Channel 4's *Visions* series returns with a documentary about two of the very few British women film directors, Wendy Toye and Sally Potter. Their work has been in entirely different areas - Toye for the mass-entertainment cinema and Potter (whose first feature, *Gold Diggers*, has just opened in London) on the experimental fringe; yet their conversation reveals surprising parallels. Channel 4, 11.15pm-12.15am.

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CROSS CREEK: The story of how Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings went to Cross Creek, Florida, and wrote the Pulitzer-prize-winning book. *The Yearning* is recounted in Martin Ritt's film with Mary Steenbergen, Cert U. ABC Bayside (839 4419); Classic Chelsea (552 5085); Classic Cheltenham (839 1527); Classic Haymarket (839 1527); Gate Bloomsbury (837 1177/8402); Odeon Kensington (802 6644).

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Lyric Studio

Hammersmith

Sitting on a rough platform in front of three chipboard walls, a boy describes his hobby to an enthusiastically attentive girl. He is describing how to make bombs out of sugar and weed-killer. He does it for the sheer fun of the thing. Towards the end of the evening, he receives another visitor who is interested in blowing up Stoke Newington police station.

That is an extreme instance of the danger smouldering away through this Young Theatre show; but neither here nor at any other point is there any sense that the details have been exaggerated for theatrical effect.

Something's Burning is an exercise in autobiographical improvisation. Performed by a young company of 14, all playing under their own names, it has been evolved from their own experiences and opinions and then scripted by Peter Speyer.

It consists of a series of detached episodes, each centering on one character or small group, linked together by their continuity as a street gang.

Racially mixed, they transmit no trace of racial tension. What holds them together is the shared sense of aggravation and frustration. Unemployed, or doing menial jobs, they see society as a conspiracy to keep them down at the bottom of the heap. And the title is a fair summary of their combined statements.

After the opening bomb lesson, three street prowlers drift on to demand money with menaces from the house. We then move on to squabbles over cash in a space invaders arcade.

A happy scene turns into a rapid exodus with news that the meat wagon has been sighted.

Cut to the Labour exchange where the boys are busy erasing the computerized records that are keeping them out of work. Various word scenes follow: a new garage boss throws a weight about at the expense of a mechanic.

Two waitresses go into hilarious pantomime on the theme of sexual harassment for the benefit of a friend who makes a living from delivering strippers. Mid-way through the show comes a tranquil riverside scene for two boys and a girl, broken up when the girl can no longer stand the tedium of fishing.

It is not all negative. Fiona, the strippers' artist, gets some fun out of the job. And Anthony, a street dancer, hauls everything else on stage when he goes into sinuous "body popping" routines, consisting of snake-like gyrations and neck-breaking leaps into the concrete, though even he is always apt to be moved on by the men on the beat ("Why can't you dance at home?").

Anger apart, what the company displays is a strong sense of street credibility, transferred intact from the outside world to the stage, and orchestrated in Lucy Parker's production into a tightly-controlled show, combining sketches, dance, rhythmic chorus work, and social debate, which allows each personality to remain itself and come through with maximum force.

To some spectators, the result may seem no more than a harmless safety valve; but I think there is more than that to be learnt from it.

Irving Wardle

Ballet

Romeo and Juliet

Covent Garden

Ashley Page's *Romeo*, seen for the first time on Wednesday at Covent Garden, has a lean and hungry look. It is fitting, therefore, that he is at his best in the role when most dangerous: chasing Tybalt to avenge Mercutio's death, hurling himself in repantance at Lady Capulet's feet, vaulting precipitously on to Juliet's supposed tomb after killing Paris.

He calls to mind, quite often, the reckless, headstrong prowler of the Veronese streets that Christopher Gable used to present in the production's early days. At this first attempt, Page was surrounded by an uneven group of players in the other solo parts. Stephen Jefferies, a Mercutio of mordant wit and, at his death, frightening anger, together with the high-spirited, strong-hearted Benvolio of Stephen Sheriff, provided the most sympathetic and responsive performances, so the scenes of the three rowdy friends became particularly rewarding.

None of the present Tybals carries the authority and animal power that the role used to have, but within its comparatively lightweight manner

Stephen Dunstone's play, *Who is Sylvia?* (Radio 3, April 29; director, John Tydeman) was joint winner of the *Radio Times* 1983 play competition with Christopher Russell's *Swimmer*.

What is potentially a more complex and interesting character, Wendy Ellis makes a vivacious Juliet, though tending to petulance in the last act. Looking at Derek Rencher's Capulet, there is no doubt which parent this child took after.

This is the production's twentieth year, and I still live in hope that one day I shall find someone to explain why it is that the nurse who identified Romeo for her charge cannot recognize him, even without his mask, when carrying Juliet's letter the next morning. Am I wrong to expect logic in a ballet?

John Percival

• The Third International Hans Swarowsky Conducting Competition is to be held in Vienna from June 3 to 15, coinciding with the Vienna Festival. The value of the first prize is 75,000 Austrian Schillings.

Law Report May 5 1984 Court of Appeal

Test of diminished responsibility

Regina v Seers
Before Lord Justice Griffiths, Mr Justice Stocker and Sir John Thompson
Judgment delivered May 4]

Where, on a charge of murder, a defendant pleaded diminished responsibility occasioned by a depressive illness, it was not appropriate to direct the jury that only partial or borderline insanity amounted to diminished responsibility.

Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) so held in a reserved judgment, allowing an appeal by Mr John Samuel Seers against his conviction at Stamford Crown Court (Mr Justice Drake and a jury) on June 18, 1982, of the murder of his estranged wife, and substituting a conviction of manslaughter and a sentence of eight years' imprisonment.

Mr Clive Taylor, QC and Mr John West, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellants; Mr Patrick Bennett QC and Mr William Andreas-Jones for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE GRIFFITHS said that evidence had been given at the trial that the appellant was suffering from chronic reactive depression which amounted to a

mental illness properly characterized as an abnormality of the mind of such a degree as substantially to impair his mental responsibility at the time of the killing.

That he was suffering from such depression but disputed its severity.

The trial judge, no doubt basing himself on the evidence in R v Birnes (1960) 2 QB 396, had directed the jury that the test to be applied to determine whether the appellant was suffering from diminished responsibility was whether he could be described in popular language as partially insane or on the borderline of insanity.

That was the only test which he had proposed and he had repeated it in various passages of his summing-up, in the last of which, the appellant had argued, the judge had virtually withdrawn the defence of diminished responsibility from the jury by pointing out that both the doctor called had agreed that the appellant was nowhere near the borderline of insanity.

It had been submitted for the appellant that the jury should have been directed to consider whether his ability to control his hostility towards his wife had been substantially impaired by a depressive illness, and that this was not an

appropriate case to introduce the concept of partial or borderline insanity at all; still less should it have been given as the sole test.

In *R v The Queen* ([1961] AC 496, 507-8) the Privy Council had considered the words of Lord Parker in *R v Birne* at p 403, and approved his interpretation of "abnormality of mind" and "mental responsibility" in section 2 of the Homicide Act 1957, but held that Birnes' case ought not to be taken to have laid down that in every case the jury must necessarily be directed that the test was always to be the borderline of insanity.

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However, it was not a legitimate method of substituting an Act of Parliament to substitute for the words of the Act, an entirely different phrase and to say that it was to apply in all circumstances.

Solicitors: Director of Public Prosecutions.

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LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF, agreeing that if the *mens rea* and the *actus reus* of an offence were proved against a child then she should not be convicted unless the prosecution could show that the child was aware that her act was beyond childish mischievousness.

The court had to get away from old language. In such circumstances there were four elements:

First, there was the presumption; second, the prosecution had to rebut it; third, the ordinary criminal burden of proof applied to the prosecution's rebuttal; fourth, the prosecution had to show that the child appreciated what she was doing was seriously wrong.

Solicitors: Peter Egan & Co, Lewisham; Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

Holly Hill on the new Sondheim musical

Flashes of irony at the point of creation

Sunday in the Park with George

Booth Theatre, New York

For *Sunday in the Park with George*, the composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim and the author-director James Lapine have dared to walk an artistic plank. They stride out and, instead of falling into the sea, arrive at an enchanted isle.

There is fun in the lyrics and scenic effects, particularly in Act II, which takes place a century later and features George's great-grandson by Dot and his grandmother (played by Mandy Patinkin and Bernadette Peters) who are in splendid voice and character throughout.

At a museum gala, George II unveils his "chromoloom number". Mixed with some spectacular laser flashes and projections upon the white sculpture is satire about the modern art world. When the chromoloom blows its fuses George observes "No electricity, no art".

The irony of pointillism now means that George has to hustle for commissions and publicity is underscored in sight and song ("Dot by dot, building up the image"). When he goes to La Grande Jatte to create another chromoloom, he finds it overrun by ugly modern buildings.

Fun and satire give the musical dimension and variety, but its recurring theme is the urgent process of creating a work of art. The author and composer say nothing new on the subject; the originality of *Sunday in the Park* is in how its creators theatricalize their theme. Appropriating some techniques from performance art, the characters do not just talk and sing about creating, but people a painting which is seen in fragments and assembled as a majestic whole in the finales of elements.

At the beginning, one sees a huge white canvas. From his easel, George (Mandy Patinkin) says "A challenge: bring order to the whole through design, composition, balance, light and harmony". As he speaks, the canvas rises to reveal a white stage which is gradually transformed into La Grande Jatte. Through the scenic wizardry of Tony Sargis and lighting of Richard Nelson, a lake, trees and one-dimensional figures and props based upon the painting appear. George poses his model-mistress Dot (Bernadette Peters) and begins work.

In the first act George works from life on La Grande Jatte and sees behind a screen representing the unfinished painting, fills in the canvas in his studio. The supporting characters, figures in the painting, are cleverly conceived and interrelated. Even two cutout dogs inspire a song as George sketches them and imagines their lives in playful lyrics.

Far from ordinary, scenic elements.

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Pressures increase for higher bank base rates

Belatedly the City has worked itself into a lather over interest rates — to the point where some of those who feel a rise in base rates to 9 per cent is unwarranted have been flustered into conceding that it may be unavoidable. Speculation has reached the point where the prophecies of higher rates may be self-fulfilling.

The pressures were intensifying yesterday. The three-month interbank rate, the focus of much attention because of the importance placed on it by Barclays in determining its base rate, edged up again. An eighth firmer at one stage, it closed up 1/16 at 9 1/4 per cent.

At this point, theoretically, Barclays is on the point of raising its base rate which at 8 1/4 per cent is a quarter per cent higher than that of the other banks. However, two points are worth making. First, Barclays does take other factors into account when moving base rate. Second, its formula is not mechanical, jerked into movement every time the trigger lever moves. That said, if period rates remain at present levels or harder, the machine will probably churn out a higher base rate.

Not everybody in the markets, including the Treasury and the Bank of England, is entirely convinced that the recent trend in the money markets is a true guide to reality. The City is very much at odds. Phillips & Drew, for instance, believes rates should and will go up, whereas another leading broker, Simon & Coates, argues that an increase is unnecessary and the odds are still against it.

Meanwhile, Dr. Henry Kaufman, of Salomon Brothers, duly repeated the predictions he made through this column on Thursday, saying in Dallas that US interest rates would move spectacularly higher without an effective US fiscal policy, either late this year or early next. This contributed to yesterday's recovery in the dollar, up 1.6 pence to DM 2.72/10, and to the gloom in the gilt market. Sterling was solid enough yesterday because of the expectation of higher base rates and another argument adduced for higher United Kingdom rates is that the differential between British and US rates cannot be allowed to widen.

The key to what happens next week is Tuesday's money supply figures for April. The prevailing view, albeit with exceptions, is that they will be at least mildly alarmist. If so, the interest rate conundrum will be solved.

Said one senior clearing banker: "Higher base rates are by no means a foregone conclusion". However, events may now have reached a point where probably only a very comforting set of banking figures can head off an increase.

Tempting the fates with Comcap

Given the way the Budget will hit the banks' leasing operations this is not the most auspicious time to float a leasing company on the stock market. The renamed Wardley London, once Anthony Gibbs, is nevertheless tempting the fates next week with Comcap, one of the fast-growing IBM computer leasing companies. It is confident that leasing will continue to be an attractive if more expensive way of financing computer equipment.

Wardley is offering for sale 5.5 million Comcap shares or about a third of the

The Times 1984 Budget briefing

Mr. Nigel Lawson's first Budget is the most significant exercise in tax change, particularly for companies, since Mrs. Thatcher became Prime Minister. A new tax structure is taking shape and the repercussions are difficult to exaggerate.

To help directors, treasurers, professional advisers and investors of every kind to evaluate the Budget measures and to guide them in making the best practical responses, *The Times* has organized a special briefing at the Dorchester Hotel in London on Tuesday, May 22.

A distinguished panel of experts will speak on methods of corporate financing in the new tax environment, tax treatment of individuals, investing under the new tax

total at 120p each. Comcap will be the fourth IBM computer leasing company to have a full Stock Exchange listing and there are several other similar companies traded on the Unlisted Securities Market.

Comcap has achieved astonishing growth since being established in 1978 and last year its pretax profits more than tripled to £1.2m. Further significant progress is expected this year and the group, which already operates in five European countries, intends to extend further its network of operating subsidiaries.

Wardley and W. Greenwell & Co. the brokers to the issue, may still have a job to do in convincing investors of Comcap's attractions. Two of the previous three IBM computer leasing company flotations, United Leasing and Dataserv, flopped. Not surprisingly, Comcap claims it is more comparable with Atlantic Computers — there are subtle differences in IBM computer business — and it is worth saying that Dataserv and United Leasing were offered for sale by unfashionable tender whereas Comcap is a fixed price offer in a still firm market.

The shares are being offered on a fully taxed p of 27.3 and a yield of 1.8 per cent. That is a much higher return than United's and Dataserv's but not as high as Atlantic's. Any initial premium is likely to be small.

Half a loaf on unitary taxation

Half a loaf is better than no bread. On that stoic principle, British companies and their representatives in the Unitary Tax Campaign have given a cautious welcome to the efforts of the high level unitary tax group set up by President Reagan last September to investigate the practice whereby nine US states now tax the subsidiaries of foreign multinationals on the basis of worldwide profits rather than those actually earned on the spot.

The US investigatory committee concluded this week that the unitary taxing states should switch to the so-called "water's edge" approach, levying taxes only on the basis of a corporation's US profits. Since the committee was widely thought to be a device for sweeping the whole issue under the carpet, this positive conclusion is certainly half a loaf.

The missing half is, however, crucial. To start with, there does not seem to be any mechanism now to hand to implement the committee's main conclusion, especially against the wishes of the independent-minded states and in an election year when President Reagan has already rejected advice to introduce Federal legislation outlawing unitary taxation.

The panel also failed to resolve sharp differences over how states should tax dividends paid by the foreign subsidiaries of multinationals. Mr. Donald Regan, the US Treasury Secretary who also headed the panel, acknowledges that there are still controversial issues to be resolved.

Mr. Regan hopes that the group will tie up some of these vital loose ends in a final report that it will submit to President Reagan before the London economic summit in June when Mrs. Thatcher is bound to return to this unnecessarily niggling issue. Meantime, there is no reason for British companies or MPs to slacken the pressure for constructive action.

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rules and the best ways of remunerating and motivating senior employees. All the main tax proposals will be put into their proper perspectives.

The principal speaker will be Mr. John Moore, MP, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, who with the Chancellor of the Exchequer was chiefly concerned with the corporate and income tax changes which figured so prominently in the Budget.

Anyone who missed the advertisements in *The Times* or who may want more information before sending in application forms, may like to telephone this number: 01-405 3501. Applications for tickets may also be made on this number.

Hill Woolgar plans USM quote

Hill Woolgar, the licensed dealer which operates an over-the-counter market in the shares of eight companies, plans to join the ranks of the Stock Exchange's Unlisted Securities Market in October.

The only way in which it is possible to deal in the shares of

Hill Woolgar at present is through Hill Woolgar itself, which matches buyers and sellers.

The firm intends to start competing soon with some of the big stock jobbing firms by trading in a large number of USM stocks.

German jobless total increases

US production keeps rising

By Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor

The rapid decline in unemployment in the United States halted abruptly in April, while the underlying rate rose again in West Germany. But other economic indicators released yesterday suggest further strong expansion in the United States, together with some industrial growth in Europe.

The US Labor Department reported that the seasonally-adjusted civilian unemployment rate stood at 7.8 per cent of the workforce in April. The total figure rose slightly, to 8,440,000 people.

Seasonally-adjusted, West German unemployment rose from 2,247,000 in March to 2,267,000 in April, although the estimate of "non-farm payrolls" the most

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Dunlop in talks with bankers as net loss doubles to £167m

By William Kay, City Editor

The latest annual report from Dunlop, the tyres, sports equipment and mattresses group, makes it plain that the survival of the company depends on talks taking place with banks to unsecured lenders.

Operating profits rose from £41m to £63m during 1983, but tax, interest and extraordinary charges drove the net attributable loss at the bottom line up from £83m to £167m. One reason was that loans could not be repaid.

A note to the accounts says: "The increase of amounts falling due within one year from £39.1m at December 31, 1982, to £207.4m on December 31, 1983, reflects the fact that more of the group's borrowings were technically repayable on demand.

"The company and its principal bankers are working con-

structively on measures to ensure the availability of finance for the group's future needs. These measures include the granting of security to unsecured lenders."

The cold language of accountancy, in this case from the pen of Ernst and Whinney, masks intense negotiations which have been taking place for several months.

The auditors' report is inevitably qualified. The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis, but Ernst and Whinney add that they give a fair and fair view of the state of affairs of the group "subject to adequate finance being available".

Sir Maurice Hodgson, the former ICI head who took over as chairman of Dunlop at the beginning of this year, points out that shareholders' funds will



Sir Campbell Fraser: £137,400 compensation

be "significantly reduced" by a provision of £12m against expected losses in Tyres Europe this year until the business is acquired by Sumitomo Rubber Industries of Japan. This has driven the debt/equity ratio sharply upwards.

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Lotus tax demand for £80m discharged

By Jonathan Clare

Group Lotus, the sports car manufacturer, is no longer under the shadow of the heavy tax assessment presented by the Inland Revenue.

Yesterday the General Commissioners for the Inland Revenue in Wymondham, Norfolk, unanimously discharged the assessments which had anyway been reduced to just two, against the car company.

The demand originated from the investigation into the "missing" De Lorean money and totalled more than £80m via a series of assessments several of which were alternatives to each other. Lotus was never told the specific sum the Inland Revenue wanted.

The commissioners' decision has removed one of the main barriers to selling more cars in the US and will allow the management to concentrate on the launch of the new X-100 sports car, which will sell for less than £10,000.

But yesterday Lotus, which normally enjoys a high profit through its colourful chairman, Mr. David Wickens, was unusually reticent and directed all inquiries through its legal adviser, Mr. David Cooper of Goudens.

He said: "Put it this way: The Revenue fought the case for five days and lost. I don't know what they will do now but the major barrier is out of the way."

Last night the Inland Revenue said it would wait for written confirmation from the commissioners before deciding what to do but pointed out that it could appeal to the High Court.

Mr. Fred Bushell, the former chairman, is now expected to resume his executive duties but what position he will hold on the board is uncertain.

DeLorean plant plan abandoned

By Edward Townsend

Industrial Correspondent

Sinclair Vehicles, the electric car company owned by Sir Clive Sinclair, confirmed yesterday that it had abandoned its plan to build its proposed range of vehicles at the former De Lorean sports car plant in west Belfast.

The company, which has already announced an intention to build a family of electric cars in the next three or four years, said its opinion on the Belfast facility had been allowed to lapse. It declined to reveal further details except to say that there had been insufficient time to resolve issues with other parties.

Sinclair's first car, designed for commuters, is expected to be produced next year by Hoover at its Merthyr Tydfil factory in south Wales.

The De Lorean receivers, Sir Kenneth Cork and Mr. Paul Shewell, are now expected to make plans for the auction of the plant's equipment and to sell the 72-acre site and buildings. Included in the lots will be 2,000 of the ill-fated company's gull-wing sports cars.

Pension funds win options tax relief

By Our City Editor

The Government yesterday paved the way for a considerable expansion of activity in traded options by exempting funds from tax on them.

Mr. John Moore, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said in a written Commons' reply: "Having considered the representations on this subject, we have decided to grant this exemption. The necessary amendment will be introduced at committee stage of the Finance Bill."

That should mean that it will become law by the summer recess. The measure should take effect from the beginning of the present tax year.

Mr. Matthew Oakshott, manager of the Courtoulds

pension fund and a leader of the campaign for this change, said: "We are delighted that at last the position has been clarified."

The Stock Exchange celebrated by recording 4,433 traded options contracts, 1,981 of them in the two-day-old FT-SE options, after 2,600 in the new contracts on the opening day.

Interest rate and currency swings led to record trading of 14,464 contracts on the London International Financial Futures Exchange. The previous record of 12,097 was set on March 1. The open interest position is also at a record 24,860. But the FT-SE futures contract was overshadowed, at 694 contracts compared with 1,277 on Thurs-

day.

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Whether the US has backed down completely — and followed the advice of Mr. Norman Tebbit, the Trade and Industry Secretary, not to repeal the Act, but to put it on a shelf and allow it to gather dust — remains to be seen.

US hints at easing of export law

By John Lawless

The US appears to have made a big concession to other western countries, and particularly Britain, over its contentious Export Administration Act.

The dispute over whether US domestic laws can be used to control the activities of non-American companies operating abroad came to a head in June, 1982 when the Reagan administration tried to ban £104m worth of British turbines containing American-made parts being shipped to the Siberian gas pipeline.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Rate fears end record run

By Michael Clark

The chill of higher interest rates sent a shudder through the stock market yesterday as share prices ended this week's record-breaking run on a dull note.

Dealers are fearful that next Tuesday's money supply figures will make gloomy reading and start another round of interest rate rises among the banks and building societies. There are also gloom predictions on the other side of the Atlantic that interest rates are again set to take off and this was responsible for the 7-point fall in the Dow Jones Average during the first hour of trading on Wall Street.

Sentiment in London was also upset by the setback for the Conservatives in the local

The first set of interim figures since Castle (GB) the bathroom and kitchen distributor, joined the FTSE last June are out on Wednesday. These should show profits up at least 15 per cent at just over £650,000 with analysis looking for £1.65m for the year against £1.2m last time. The report should also contain details of new venture in the mixed kitchen market. The shares originally placed at 80p rose 1p to 91p.

government elections. As a result, investors were inclined to unwind their positions ahead of the three-day break before marking for the sidelines. But jobbers described selling as light and it gave them the opportunity to mark prices lower still in an attempt to replenish their books. This was reflected in the FT index which closed at its low for the day 7.4 down at 915.4. However, the index is still 7.3 up on the week. The FT-SE 100 also lost 7.6 at 1134.0.

Conditions after hours were described as quiet, with many of those dealers who had not attended the Stock Exchange Golf Tournament taking the opportunity to start the week-end early.

Gilts also reflected the trend towards dearer money with falls of up to 1% at the longer end.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar continued to hold firm after profit-taking earlier on, but pushed it lower.

The pound made headway as talk persisted that British interest rates will soon be raised. The effective exchange index closed with a 0.4 point advantage at 80.5, compared with 80.1 overnight.

Sterling also did well against the Deutsche mark at 3.8320.

The new "tap" Treasury 9 1/2 per cent convertible 1989 lost another 5p to close at 49 1/2, its partly-paid form. The FT Government Securities Index closed 0.38 down at a year's low of 81.02.

Leading industrials closed mixed BTR lost 7p at 487p, Beecham 5p at 523p, Blue Circle 2p at 423p, BOC Group 1p at 297, Boots 3p at 175p, Bowater 1p at 513p, Courtaulds 1p at 157p, GEC 3p at 183p, GKN 3p at 203p, Glaxo 5p at 865p, Grand Metropolitan 3p at 356p, ICI 8p at 595p, Imperial Group 2p at 161p, Plessey 6p at 320p, Tate & Lyle 5p at 408p, TI Group 4p at 256p, Trusthouse Forte 3p at 131p and Vickers 2p at 175p. Going against the trend, Hawker Siddeley wiped out an early 6p fall to close 2p up at 456p, Lucas Industries rose 2p to 333p and Cadbury Schweppes 3p to 142p.

Greggs, the North of England bakers' chain, made its long awaited debut with the shares opening at 170p compared with the offer price of 135p. The 2.53 million shares were more than 90 times oversubscribed, attracting about 81,000 applications for a total of 225 million shares. After fluctuating in narrow limits throughout the day the price eventually closed

Mr Richard Lake, partner with the broker Raphael Zorn, is worried by the lack of support for gold. Attempts at a rally around the 530p level are starting to fade and it is essential at the current level to form a reversal pattern on the charts. If this fails to materialise, he says, it could result in a slide to the January low of 5365 before plunging to around the 5000 level.

at 168p - a premium 33p in first-time dealings.

The four high street banks were a dull market with Lloyds dipping 7p to 612p in further response the Thursday's annual meeting. Midland lost 3p to

399p and National Westminster closed above its worst level of the day at 489p - a net fall of 3p. Bank of Scotland closed at 327p after going ex-scrip while the Royal Bank of Scotland failed to hold on to an earlier lead, losing 3p to 230p.

Discount houses had another mixed session with Jessel Toynbee reversing an early fall to gain 10p after Thursday's figures. Catter Allen also hardened 5p to 558, but there were losses in CIB, Discount down 1p at 58p, Gerrard & National down 1p at 310p, King & Shaxson 2p at 158p, Seacombe & Marshall 5p at 355p and Smith St Aubyn 1p at 67p.

Stores spent a dull session amid fears that a rise in interest would mean less being spent in the shops. Harris Queensway lost 2p at 402p, MFI 1p at 164p, British Home Stores 12p at 223p, Burton 3p at 290p, Great Universal Stores "A" 7p at 638p and the ordinary 15p at 645p. There were also losses in J. Hepworth 4p to 288p, Marks and Spencer 2p to 263p and Habitat Mothercare 4p to 323p. Martin the Newsagent erased an early loss to close only 1p lighter on the day at 276p, after 21p, still reflecting interest in the contested bid from W H Smith, down unchanged at 148p. John Menzies rose 5p to 373p after figures earlier in the week, while the other newspaper retailer NSS Newsagents closed unchanged at 90p.

In oils, fears of a petrol war continued to fade after Shell's decision to bring its prices at the pumps back in line with its competitors. BP slipped 6p to 515p, while Shell recovered from an early 5p deficit to expand 5p on the day at 655p. Selective support lifted Tricentri 5p to 233p still taking account of the sale of its US onshore interests. The buyers also come out for Charterhouse Petroleum 4p dearer at 165p and Premier 1 1/2p higher at 57 1/2p.

Rumours of a gas find

boosted Atlantic Resources 8p to 88p. While exploration hopes lifted Eglinton Oil 12p to 240p and Sovereign Oil & Gas 13p to 312p.

Tarmac's £28m acquisition of Westbrick Ltd from C H Beazer has resulted in it substantially increasing its stake in Blockley.

An announcement yesterday confirmed Tarmac now owns 262,000 shares, or 17.45 per cent compared with the 0.45 per cent it previously owned. C H Beazer held its stake in Blockley through Westbrick, which it bought three years ago for a total of £4m. Since then, Beazer has floated D W Tod, a subsidiary of Westbrick, specialising in sonar domes, on the

Hard Rock Cafe, the over-the-counter quoted hamburger joint, has been given 10 per cent stake in its US counterpart, Hard Rock, in exchange for the use of its name. The news came on the day when Hard Rock (UK) reported pretax profits of £199,000 on turnover of £956,000. Shares of Hard Rock in London rose 3p to 37p, while in New York the ADRs were changing hands at 65p.

Unlisted Securities Market and now boasts a healthy profit from the sale of the rest of the Westbrick interests. Blockley, the bricks and roofing tiles manufacturer, celebrated the news of the increased stake with a rise of 78p to a high of 503p as dealers expressed hopes that Tarmac would eventually make a full bid for the remainder of the shares. Tarmac would not comment on its plans and slipped 4p on the news before closing at 514p, a net fall of 2p on the day. Investors in Industry also own a further 17 per cent of Blockley. But Beazer encountered profit-taking losing 6p to 420p.

Equity turnover on May 3 was £276,786m (19.862 bargains). The number of British and Irish stocks traded was 156.6 million. Gilt bargains totalled 2,985.

MONEY MARKETS

The limelight was again on the interbank periods where active borrowers gave the market a busy day and rates held firm after rising sharply this week in anticipation of an early rise in base rates.

Sterling certificates of deposit saw much less of the action. There was some business in the very short dates, facilitated by cheap money, but certainly

nothing of much consequence beyond a month.

Day to day funds were cheap throughout. They opened at 8 1/2 to 8 1/4 per cent and were down to 7 1/2 to 7 3/4 per cent by the end of the morning.

Sliding steeply as the afternoon progressed, they closed around 1 per cent. Some brokers found money virtually un lendable at the finish.

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7% stake
in Perrier
sold
for £22.3m

By Philip Robinson

Source Perrier SA, the French producer of mineral water, confirmed yesterday that 7 per cent of its shares have been placed privately in London this week.

The 450,000 to 500,000 shares were placed by foreign holders who bought them about two years ago. No member of the Leven Family, which runs the company, or any of the directors, was involved.

Speculation this week was that a million shares had been sold and that these had come from an original shareholder of the company.

Market sources put the price of the deal at 538 francs per share against a market price of Fr546. At that price, the stake which has changed hands is worth £22.3m.

Perrier employees hold 2.11 per cent of the company, a 3.09 per cent stake is held by the French government-owned savings bank, and the remainder of the equity is held between 30,000 and 40,000 unidentified shareholders, who include the Leven family.

APPOINTMENTS

Ross Foods: Mr John Houliston has become retail sales director and has joined the board.

Business Aircraft Users Association: Mr Derek C. Leggett has been appointed chief executive on the retirement of Mr Robert R. Stephenson.

Trebor: The board has been restructured and now comprises Mr Ian Marks, chairman, and chief executive with Mr Arthur Chapman, Mr Wallace Garland, Mr Ted Gillespie, Mr David Kappler, Mr Frank Reed, Mr Jack Thompson and Mr John Tibbles as directors, and Mr Tim Green and Mr Peter Prior and non-executive directors.

American Trust: Sir Norman Macfarlane has been appointed chairman. Sir James Good joins the board as a director.

Gestetner Holdings: Mr David Harbut has become director.

J. W. Spear and Sons: Mr C. Willy has joined the board as a non-executive director.

Collier Holdings: Mr John Thumson has been appointed non-executive chairman and Mr Brian McMeekin has become a non-executive director.

National Nathanson: Mrs Margaret Kemp, Mr Graham Clark, Mr Martin Bridgewater, Mr Jonathan Rossandler, Miss Christine Hand, Mr Laurence Elks and Mr Kevin Stimpson have joined the partnership.

Stancliffe, Todd & Hodgson: Mr Jeffrey Plowman has joined the partnership.

TEMPUS

Tootal convalesces
after major surgery

Tootal is yet another example of a household British trade name which has needed major corporate surgery fast. The scale and speed of the various incisions — extraordinary debits total more than £45m — have led to some obscurity in the reported figures, a problem compounded by swift changes in the group's trading pattern.

Thus, last year, the sale of the Australian Bradmills interests for a book loss conceals the group's net £9m gain on the investment. Poor advice over adjustment over shareholders' funds.

The divisional profits breakdown is now stated net of interest, whereas previously the figures were published gross. To round off the picture, IMF credit stringency in West Africa has prompted pro forma £2.6m drop in the textiles division profits.

But the patient, after a long stretch on the operating table, is convalescing equally quickly. The Bradmills sale generated £20m, chopped gearing down to a third and slashed the underlying interest bill by £2m to about £6m. Concentration on the US thread interests may have produced some £2m in profits last year, and both the thread and nonwoven divisions have plenty of potential.

Add the strong defensive performances of both textiles and clothing in difficult years and the market's hunch of further growth to come this year — perhaps £20m pretax — could be justified.

The shares have outperformed against the market by 11 per cent since April, so lots of people are getting the same message. The shares closed last night off 1 1/2p at 47 1/2p.

Air Call

Air Call is one of the few companies that operate in the same markets as British Telecom. It therefore provides a source of the much talked about competition which must be met when the cumbersome corporation is privatized.

The prospect of a continued monopoly freed of state control will not be relished by Air Call. It has struggled bravely to build up its business in the face of what might be considered unfair competition and has performed remarkably well. The big concern now is that the pressures on a privatized British Telecom imposed by investors demanding high and speedy returns will force it to restrict further competition to a bare minimum to meet its own objectives.

Sales in the first two months of this year are ahead by about 20 per cent though the

market is partly offset by rising costs. One shop is due to be redeveloped this year while the last vacant space in Liberty House should be let.

The dividend has been raised by a more than useful 50 per cent from 3p to 4.5p and the shares rose 5p to 280p. But the company is a classic company and the Liberty-Stewart family remains firmly in the driving seat.

Gilts

Gilts finished the week on a despairing note, after hearing Dr Kaufman in Dallas on rising rates. On the day, falls of 7 point in shorts, and in longs of some 2% widened the losses on the week to a fairly stunning magnitude. A bellwether stock among the shorts, like Treasury 12 per cent 1987, dropped by well over a point, while in the longs, a runner like Treasury 13 per cent 2000 shed 1% points. The new tap, Treasury 9 1/2 per cent Convertible 1989 closed yesterday nearly 2% points down on the issue price at 49 1/2, and sympathy weakness was exemplified by the performance of Treasury 9 1/2 per cent Convertible 1988, which lost 1 1/2 points on the week.

The parallel scale of losses among both the shorts and longs suggests that interest rate fears remain among the market's principal preoccupations. Nor does the US offer much consolation. A fall in the basic US money supply measure, M1, of \$3.6bn for the week to April 23 brings American monetary growth close to the bottom end of the target range. But US bond holders assume that the Fed is targeting growth and credit demand.

Among the shorts, the very short shorts are now yielding around 9 1/2 per cent, so that assuming a normal spread between base rates and period yields, the market is now discounting anything between a 2% and 1 point rise in base rates.

As well as money supply fears, gilts developed a fresh set of jitters yesterday this time over the impending producer price index for April, which is set to show a rise in output prices of close on a point. If all the economic news is poor, then the longer the banks delay their move the bigger the hike in rates.

But for those who know about these things, the whole matter has already been resolved. The Treasury will tender rate rose yesterday by 0.18 per cent to 8.45 per cent. Charges in the rate tend to be followed fairly speedily by base rate changes.

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Rates moved

Trustee Savings Bank has moved the interest rates paid on two of its accounts. The return on its seven days' notice account falls from 5.5 to 5.25 per cent, while interest paid on the 28 days' notice account rises from 7.5 to 8.5 per cent. The return is subject to tax.

New account

Leamington Spa Building Society has launched an account called the Spa Income Account. The interest rate is variable but guaranteed to be 1.15 per cent per annum above the rate paid on the society's Fully Paid Share. The interest rate on the new account is presently 7.50 per cent a year, equivalent to 10.71 per cent for basic rate tax.

The interest will be paid monthly and may be credited to the account or forwarded direct to the investor's bank account. The issue is strictly limited with a minimum investment of £5,000 and the maximum £50,000. Withdrawals are allowed on demand with penalty. Further details from Leamington Spa Building Society Head Office (0926 27930).

Homes help

A revised version of the Building Societies Association's booklet on house purchase has been published. It offers information on investment in building societies and other aspects of home ownership, as well as building society lending policy, different types of mortgage, arrangements for tax relief on mortgage interest, the legal steps involved in buying a house, surveys, stamp duty and Land Registry fees.

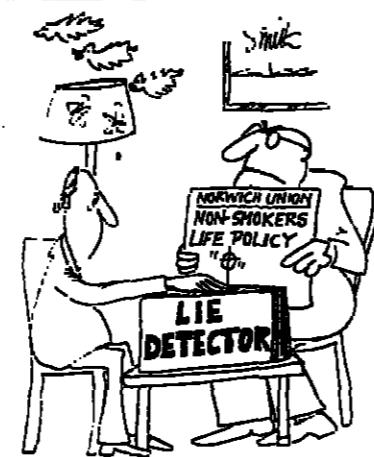
Single copies of the 32-page booklet can be obtained by writing to The Building Societies Association, 3 Savile Row, London W1X 1AF enclosing a large stamped addressed envelope (17p stamp).

Natural interest

If you fancy natural resources - now at the bottom of the investment performance league tables - the new unit trust from the fund managers Foreign & Colonial might be just the thing. The fund will invest in mining, metals and oil and gas companies.

The fund managers say: "The fund is being launched when economic expansion is finally feeding through into demand for energy and metals.

Investment in natural resources has been overlooked while investment attention has been focused on the Far East and technology. At a time when equity markets round the world are standing at near record levels, the price of many natural resource stocks seems unreasonably low". Minimum investment in the F & C Natural Resources Fund is £500.



Leicester offer

A new short-notice account offering 1.25 per cent over the ordinary share account has been introduced by Leicester Building Society. Money can be withdrawn on 28 days' notice without penalty.

To qualify, investors must have a minimum opening investment of £500, and maintain a minimum investment of £100 in the account, providing that they already have a Leicestercard share account. Leicestercard investors can take advantage of a wide range of services, including money-saving offers including discounts in more than 6,000 local retail outlets.

Leicestercard holders can also transact their building society business at any one of the 20,000 post offices throughout the United Kingdom. Further details from The Leicester Building Society 0533 717272.

Clean-air policy

Non-smokers are being offered

discounts on life and term insurance

products in a new scheme from Norwich Union. Non-smokers are defined as

people who have not smoked cigarettes

in the last 12 months and have no

intention of doing so in the future.

Norwich is ignoring consumption of pipe

tobacco and cigars in offering non-

smoking reductions.

The reduced premiums will be

calculated by applying the rate of

premium for someone three years

younger, the result of research into the

effects of cigarette smoking on the

average life span.

A new system has been launched to suit all of the largest pension funds and is particularly appropriate for medium-sized schemes with membership of between 200 and 2,000.

The system, a computer-based

software package called Key comes from

Willis Faber Advisory Services and

Pension and Insurance Computer Services.

Key's special features include high

flexibility and it can accommodate

complicated plan designs. It is easy to

operate and is designed for the IBM

personal computer.

PENSIONS

A better deal on way for job changers

A clause in the Health and Social Security Bill, which finished its passage through the Commons this week will give a much better pensions deal to job changers and employees made redundant.

Among the more technical clauses is one designed to abolish "franking" in occupational pension schemes, a practice which reduced the pension paid by company schemes to job changers and others with deferred pension benefits.

"Franking" makes use of a loophole in the 1975 Social Security Pensions Act.

If a person spends more than five years in a pension scheme which is contracted out of the state earnings-related scheme, then when they leave, they cannot have a refund of their contributions. The pension must instead be either kept for them in the scheme, or transferred to the new employer or into a special "transfer" pension policy with an insurance company. Transfers between company schemes are difficult to arrange, outside the public sector, so more usually the pension will be "preserved".

One of the conditions of contracting out is that the employer must guarantee the part of the pension that is replacing the state earnings-related pension, and this part is usually called the GMP. The guarantee is that the employer will pay this amount instead of the state, so that the employee will not lose out.

When the employee leaves, therefore, the employer has a duty not just to hang on to this guaranteed pension, but to increase it to take some account of inflation. There is a choice of methods, but the one usually chosen is to give an increase of 8.5 per cent compound a year.

So what is wrong with this? The person not only has a preserved pension, but it is being increased. The catch, however, is that as the law stands at present, it is only the GMP that must be increased, and the rest of the pension can be used up to pay for the state.

Take for example Mrs Gina White, aged 55, who was made redundant last year. She was paying 5 per cent contributions to her scheme; after taking account of tax relief, this was about half as much again as she would have paid to the state.

Her company pension, she was told, would reflect this, and

by much better than the pension from the state. When she left, her total preserved pension was £750. £500 of which was the GMP. Her GMP increases by 8.5 per cent a year, and in five years it will become £751.80. So that is what she will get. Because her scheme practices "franking" she will receive only the GMP, with nothing extra to take account of the extra contributions she had put in. The "excess" has been swallowed up by the GMP.

Franking means that because of the guarantee no one will get less than the GMP. But it is common for a person to have paid contributions in excess of what would be required to pay for the state scheme, and still get only the same pension as they would have had from the state.

A good employer will pay the "excess" pension on top of the GMP, and hopefully increase it as well. But employers decided to "frank" back in 1978 partly out of penny-pinching.

The "anti-franking" clauses in the Health and Social Security Bill are designed to ensure that the extra pension you have earned is paid on top of the GMP.

Sue Ward

SAVINGS

TSB has unit trusts taping

The Trustee Savings Bank, winner of one of the 182 Plain English Awards for its home insurance literature, has set out to explain unit trusts in simple English.

The bank has produced a booklet in which the TV personality Mr Cliff Michelmore, offers a plain man's guide to capital growth, income trusts and the like. The better people understand unit trusts the more likely they are to invest in them.

Some people said it was too difficult and some people said it was too simple - so we think we have got it just about right," said Mr Geoffrey Gray, TSB's unit trust marketing manager.

The booklet has been produced by taping interviews at which Mr Michelmore probed the unit trust managers so he could understand the finer workings of the unit trust system. When the draft was

prepared it was tested on the public and few stumbling blocks were noted. The book sets out in detail the TSB's Trust Company, said that the range of trusts will be expanded over the

next five years with the addition of about five new unit trusts including a European trust and a financial trust.

Vivien Goldsmith

Comparison of unit trusts' popularity and performance with other savings vehicles

Savings Vehicles	Percentage of UK population All Adults
Building society accounts	52.8
Bank, deposit or savings accounts	40.6
Index-Linked National Savings Certificates	7.2
Direct in stocks and shares	5.9
Unit trusts	4.6
National Savings Bank investment account	4.5

Source: 1983 Target Group Index Survey

The Key system is on display at the exhibition attached to the NAPF conference at the Metropole Hotel, the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

The exhibition began last Thursday. Inquiries to Willis Faber Advisory Services 01-488 6111.

The topical problem of PAYE investigations. Part of the half-day training package devised by the Institute gives a dramatic account of how a PAYE investigation is carried out by the Inland Revenue and explains the role of the financial adviser.

This follows news that the Inland Revenue has set an extra 200 investigators to the task of squeezing an additional £20 million a year from PAYE taxpayers.

Inquiries to: The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (01-628 7060) or Prudential Assurance (01-405 9222).

INVESTING

A tax-free fund from Gartmore

Gartmore, the fund management group, has come up with the nearest thing yet to a "no load" fund with no initial charges. There is one price for both buying and selling.

Aimed at the larger private investor, Gartmore's Capital Strategy Fund is based in Jersey and is therefore effectively a tax-free fund so your investments should accumulate at a much faster rate.

The big appeal is that there is no front end charge - the different classes of shares which represent the 13 investment funds have one dealing price which represents the net value of the underlying assets. In addition, you can switch between the funds with four price switches a year.

Because you are simply swapping one class of share for another, Gartmore believes that the switches will be free of capital gains tax. Only when you finally realized your investment would you have a potential liability to CGT.

There is no stamp duty charged on share transactions in Jersey, so dealing costs will be lower for both the fund and the individual investor. The only charges will be a 0.75 per cent annual management charge on the value of the funds managed.

The different investment pots offer a choice of 13 types of investment. There are five currency funds, sterling, US dollar, Yen, Deutschemark and Swiss Franc.

There are also eight equity and

fixed-interest funds to choose from.

L & G to sell fund

Legal & General has taken the unusual step of going into partnership with another financial institution, European Banking Company, to market EBC's Traded Currency Fund. L & G's sales force will promote the fund, primarily with insurance brokers and financial intermediaries.

As an offshore fund, it cannot be advertised in the country and EBC has no direct sales force or office connexions - hence the link with L & G.

The fund's net performance for its first three months shows a growth of 20 per cent measured in dollars, in which it is denominated. The present composition - reflecting the managers' long-term view of the dollar - is 30 per cent dollars, 30 per cent yen, 20 per cent Deutschemark, 10 per cent sterling and 5 per cent French francs.

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HOME LOANS

Miners' payments eased

Miners in difficulties over their mortgages are finding a sympathetic response from building societies. The societies estimate that 20 per cent of their customers are miners and 20 per cent of them are in difficulties.

Most societies are willing to let arrears build up for two or three months, so the time for stern reviews is fast approaching.

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Sir Duncan McDonald, CEO, Chairman

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SCHOOL FEES

Tax changes force rethink

An increasing number of parents are dissatisfied with state education and are making provision to educate their children privately, according to a survey from school fees specialists, C. Howard & Partners.

More wives are working in order to pay for private education - between 1982 and 1984 the percentage rose from 32 per cent of families surveyed to 47 per cent - and wives' average earnings have risen faster than the income of their spouses. Wives' earnings jumped from £4,175 in 1982, the last time the survey was conducted, to £6,441 in 1984, compared with an increase of just over £1,000 (£19,577 in 1984, £18,317 in 1982) in husband's earnings.

There has also been a fundamental change in the way parents save and invest to provide fees. "Most school fees plans are based on life policies and with the removal of tax relief in the budget, parents will have a rethink," says Mr. Gilbert McNeil Moss, of C. Howard & Partners. He points out that although life assurance premium relief (LAPR) is no longer available on new policies, the proceeds of a life policy remain tax free so there is still some advantage in saving this way.

Mr. Joe Collins of Invest for School Fees Ltd. thinks parents with existing insurance-linked school fees plans should review their situation. Most rely on encashment of a series of life policies in successive years to provide fees. But if parents now implement this system, they will be foregoing LAPR on their investments as tax relief is no longer available on new life policies.

"We are using the loan system now," says Mr. Collins. "For example, on most good with-profit endowments you are seeing a net yield of around 12.5 per cent and you can obtain a

AIR CALL

AIR CALL PLC SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Year ended 31st December

	1983	1982
Turnover	£2,000	£1,000
Profit before taxation	1,305	1,015
Profit after taxation	869	810
Earnings per share	22.5p	21.0p
Dividends per share	5.6p	5.6p

John Stanley, Chairman, reports:

* Profits before tax up 29%

* Further substantial growth envisaged in 1984

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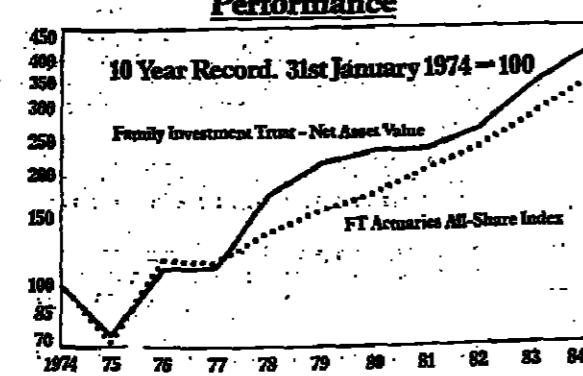
The Family Investment Trust plc

Highlights of the year

(ended 31 January 1984)

Gross Revenue	£492,226 +9.85%
Dividend per share	6.50p +4.76%
Net Asset value per share	218.0p +19.45%
Total Assets	£9,592,604

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FAMILY MONEY

UNIT TRUST PERFORMANCE

Oil enlivens market

IT was the energy sector that last month provided the main excitement in the unit trust league table. The steady demand for oil as world economies continue to recover has underpinned the market, while exploration news and bid activity has added a speculative interest. The FT Actuaries Oils index was 6.6 per cent higher during April, but a couple of unit trusts comfortably outpaced that. Target Energy, da Costa, headed the US contingent during April with a 7.4 per cent rise.

If the cost of the borrowing rises above the expected return on the life policy, the policy is simply cashed in and the loan repaid. "One of the good things about borrowing against a life policy is that there is generally no restrictions or penalties on repaying the loan. As a policyholder, the rate of interest charged on the loan is usually a privileged rate."

With LAPR gone, the whole range of investment products is now worth considering says Mr. Collins, including unit trusts, and direct investment in gilts and shares.

"But I still think most parents need the discipline of a regular monthly commitment and the life assurance route is still attractive even without LAPR."

This view is echoed by Mr. Alan Page who manages private clients' portfolios at stockbrokers Scrimgeour Kemp Gee. "The net return on net premiums invested is around 11 per cent and must make it a bad deal to turn in these policies with tax relief." Like the school fees specialists, he believes some advantages to insurance-linked schemes remain such as the ability to take the proceeds free of all tax. "But the case for life funds if you are a new investor is no longer so strong."

Mr. Gilbert McNeil Moss of C. Howard & Partners has been juggling the figures and maintains he can produce very similar results for new investors not eligible for LAPR by taking out the life policies on the wife rather than the husband. "The wife is usually a few years younger than her husband and gets better rates anyway," he explains. The same cash sums can be produced for premiums very similar to the old net rates when tax relief existed by simply switching the life cover to the wife.

Exploration and drilling programmes.

Higher interest rates in the United States put the dollar back on the upward path in the international currency markets and provided the main boost for the trusts specialising in North America. The Dow Jones Industrial index was just 0.5 per cent over the month. Bridge American & General, advised by stockbrokers Vickers, da Costa, headed the US contingent during April with a 7.4 per cent rise.

The American smaller company and special situation funds again had a disappointing month, continuing the downward trend started last summer. Several marked up some small losses. Framlington American Turnaround was 1.5 per cent during April, whilst Britannia American Special Situations and

Aitken Hume American Technology were down 2.2 per cent and 3.4 per cent respectively.

Around the other side of the world, the Tokyo stock market, and the yen have continued to forge ahead. The Nikkei Dow Jones started May at an all-time high. Inevitably after its string showing in recent months, a note of caution is entering some managers' comments on immediate prospects. Henderson for instance, in its recent investment newsletter concludes "we remain concerned that the speculative element in this buying is too high for comfort and while we are confident that the economy will continue to expand at between 4.5% and 5% for the rest of the year, much of the foreseeable corporate profits growth is well discounted."

At home on the back of some good profits reports and an optimistic CBI survey of industrial trends the FT Industrial ordinary index has sailed past 900 level. Gartmore British put up the best performance amongst the trusts concentrating on the UK.

Mike Hockings

Current value of £100 invested over four months to May 1, 1984

FUND	VALUE
Target Special Situations	133.5
Fidelity Japan	131.2
Openheimer Income & Growth	128.7
Quadrant Recovery	127.5
Target Energy	126.3
Bridge American & General	124.5
Warrington Income	124.7
Target Income	124.5
Mercury Recovery	124.1
Fidelity Growth & Income	123.9

*Offer to other price, net income reinvested.
Source: Purnell Savings Magazine

AUCTIONS

Rare opportunity for Oxford wine buffs

Phillips has decided to re-enter the wine auction field on a provincial basis with a sale at Oxford on Thursday.

Many wine investors like the opportunity to attend a pre-sale tasting and the auction itself, both of which may be difficult if they are some distance from London. Only rarely do Christies and Sotheby's hold provincial wine auctions.

Phillips, including Brooks, will be selling 352 lots at 39 Park End Street, Oxford, starting at 6.30 pm (catalogue £1). In several instances, purchasers may collect the wines but delivery can be arranged for between £1-£3 per case depending upon where the wine is lying and the purchaser's address.

Mr. Robert Churchward has put together a wide cross-section of wines, ranging from light summer drinking like 1981 Muscadet de Sèvre-et-Maine from Jean Cordillat, at an estimated £21-£26 per dozen bottles, to classic investment potential, such as Château Mouton Rothschild 1978. vintage ports include the outstanding 1963 vintage of Croft, Cockburn, and Warre, which are likely to fetch £200-£240 per case. Many investors will find mixed cases of interest. They include red and white burgundy, claret, and West German.

"Older wines likely to attract keen bidding include 1840 Grand Reserve Fine Champagne Cognac, 1865 Martignac Cognac, Croft 1927 in useful half bottles, Quinta do Noval 1947, Château Labé Rothchild 1971, Dom Pérignon Champagne 1971, and Chambolle Musigny Charnes 1934.

There is a useful tasting at 4.30 pm before the sale to assess many of the wines on offer.

Phillips plans to hold further wine sales at Oxford on September 18 of burgundy, claret and champagne.

Among other provincial wine auctions planned is one by Colliers Bigwood & Bewley on June 21 at The Old School, Tiddington, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.

Conal Gregory

Income trusts

If income is your investment objective, unit trust advisers Richards Longstaff have come up with some recommendations for income trusts. Their choice includes Brown Shipley Income, F. & C Income, Henderson Extra Income, M. & G Dividend and Schroder Income.

They point out that the removal of the investment income surcharge has made it more worth while for investors to go for straightforward income rather than looking for ways of realizing capital gains to provide income.

"Older wines likely to attract

Screening service for women workers

Private health insurance is a long-established counter on the wages bargaining table - popular not only with the higher echelons of management but unions as well.

Now Bupa - the British United Provident Association - is offering a women's screening service to companies where at least 70 female employees are

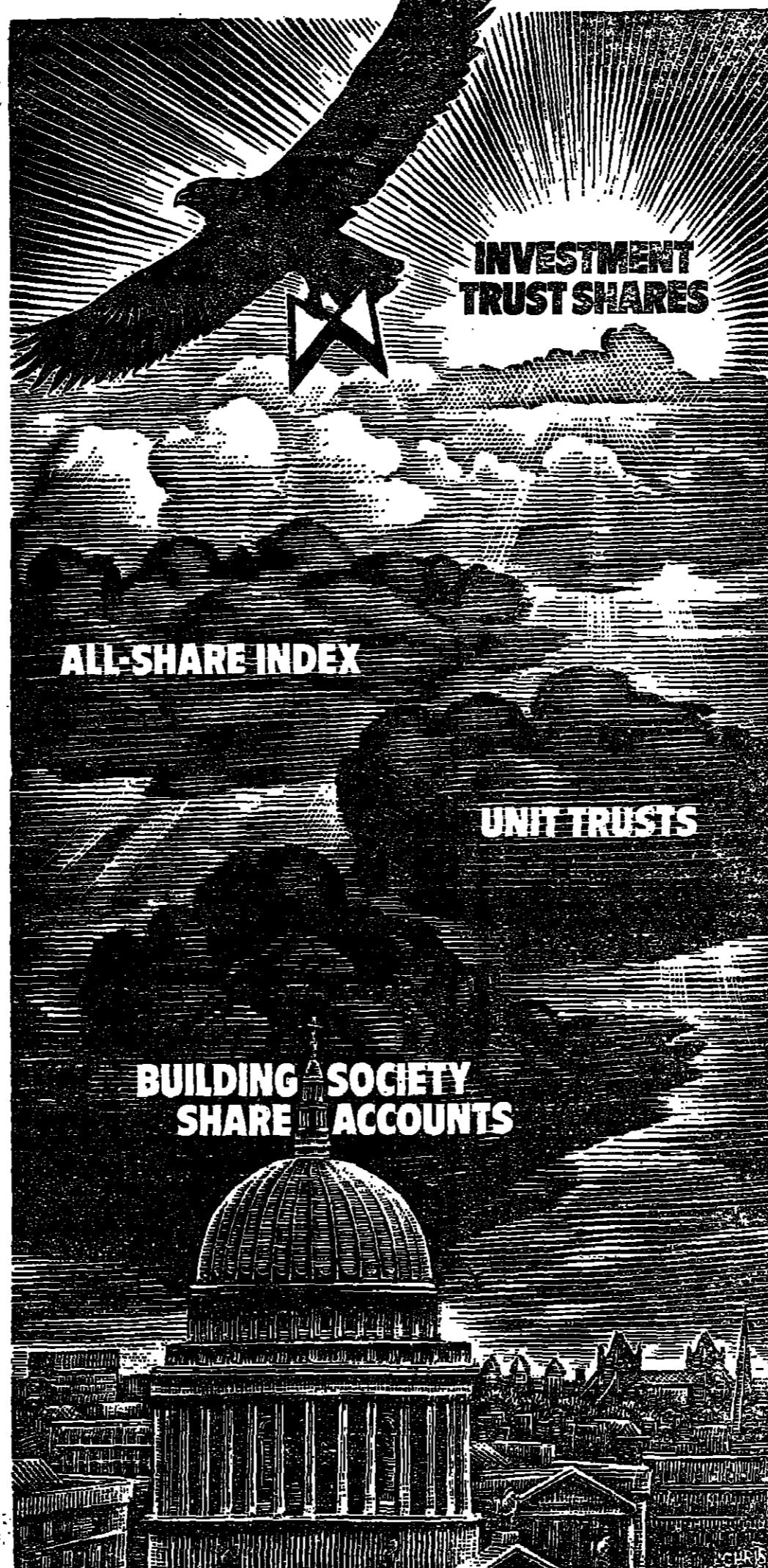
18 months ago 5 per cent of the companies involved have paid for the service. In the other cases the women have paid the fees themselves. But the difference in the take-up only varied from 80 per cent when the company paid to 65 per cent when the women paid for themselves.

Bupa plans to train regional nurses who can provide this

service rather than having to send out of London-based team with all the expenses of hotel accommodation.

Bupa also runs a women's screening unit at its London base near King's Cross. The cost is £55 or £48 for members and a Bupa insurance scheme or £83 and £76 respectively for an examination and consultation with a doctor.

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CRICKET: KENT AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE GAIN THRILLING VICTORIES

Kent end on the upswing after they prise loose Gooch's grip

By Richard Streeton

CANTERBURY: Kent (21 pts) beat Essex (6) by three wickets.

A gripping match, played on a pitch which always helps seam bowling, bowled to the end. After Gooch dominated the Essex innings with a masterful 84 out of 113, Kent were left 133 to make. With 73 overs to be bowled, time was irrelevant. Tavaré seemed to have put Kent on the right path before they slumped from 98 for two shortly before tea to 115 for seven. Finally Johnson and Penn, not without several scares, took Kent to a dramatic victory.

Gooch was the only batsman to rise above the conditions as the ball consistently swung about. When he was ninth out he had claimed 60 of the 70 runs. Essex added yesterday, only seven came from the bat at the other end. It was an astonishing monopoly against pace bowling of the highest quality from Ellison in particular. Ellison finished with five for 27, a career best, and had match figures of nine for 62.

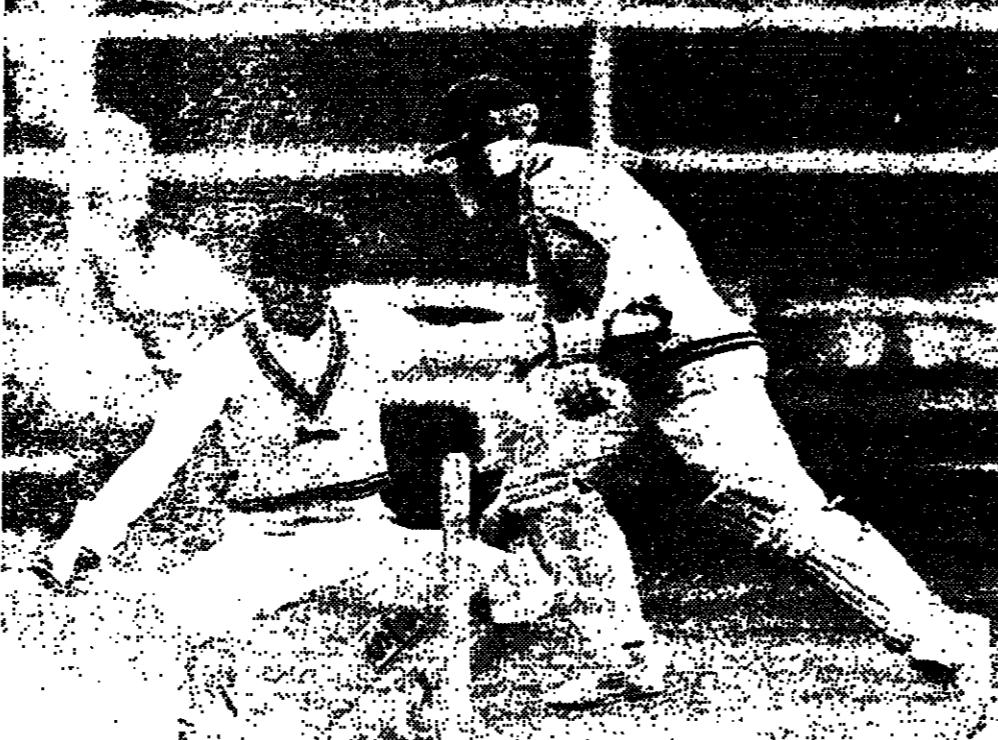
The Essex problems began when McEwan drove over a ball from Cowdrey. Then Ellison destroyed the middle order with a spell of three for one in 10 balls. Hardie was beaten by an inswinger. Pringle was caught behind from a ball that left him late; and Phillip offered no stroke to another inswinger. When East was caught at extra cover trying to hook Jarvis, Essex were 63 for seven.

For half an hour Foster applied his skill better than anyone else so far. Lever showed similar restraint as Gooch protected his partners by leaving them no more than one or two balls an over to play. When he faced, Kent dispensed with slips and spread their fieldsmen 45 to 50 yards in a circle in both sides of the wicket. Gooch spurned numerous easy singles, compensating with the occasional four.

He finally fell in the second over after lunch, trying to run a ball from Jarvis down to third man but giving a catch behind off an outside edge. He batted three hours and hit 10 fours.

When Kent went in, Woolmer was quickly caught off his glove, though the roller had removed some of the liveliness from the pitch. Taylor and Tavaré batted with grim determination. Essex averaged 14 overs an hour. It was dour but still enthralling cricket.

Tavaré had one piece of luck when he was five, and the total



Room to spare: Leicestershire's Garnham in a squat, with Rice of Nottinghamshire safely home (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Patel's steely defiance ended by a catcher in the rye

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

WORCESTER: Glamorgan (24 pts)

beat Worcestershire (5 pts) by 66

3. Cowdrey 12-3-26-5

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Strachan
expected
at Old
Trafford

By Stuart Jones

Gordon Strachan, whose contract with Aberdeen ends on June 2, is expected to join Manchester United next season. The 27-year-old Scottish international midfield player has already rejected one offer from Verona, of Italy, and has hesitated over a proposed move to Cologne of West Germany.

On Thursday night he was approached by Martin Edwards, the chairman of the club that Strachan has followed since he was a boy. Yesterday Ron Atkinson, United's manager, confirmed that "terms have been agreed and it is now a question of sorting out the personal details with him".

The fee is believed to be about £700,000, but Atkinson added that the transfer would not

FOOTBALL

England's flops get
ready to battle for
their clubs' cause

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

It is as well that the shambles of a side that represented England last Wednesday are not accustomed to feeling at home. All but two of the 13 individuals employed by Bobby Robson are playing away this afternoon. The exceptions are Blissett, now back in Italy, and Martin, who injured an ankle in Wrexham and is doubtful anyway.

Lacking purpose, aim and cohesion when they were together during the woeful performance against Wales, the internationals will doubtless be displaying those qualities when they are apart. The target for all but one of them is either the championship or Europe. The exception is Walsh, who is soon expected to go from Luton Town to Liverpool anyway.

Kennedy and Lee rejoin the reigning champions, who are strengthened by the return of Souness. Liverpool have also recovered from their injury and are considered fit enough to join their international colleague, Woodcock, in Don Howe's first game officially in charge of Arsenal. Now successful, he returns to West Bromwich Albion, the scene of his initial failure as a manager.

Keegan, one of Robson's earliest disciples, should relive his final ambition in front of one of the biggest audiences of the day at St James's Park. If Newcastle United beat Derby County, currently more concerned about events at the other end of the table, promotion will become all but a mathematical certainty, even if Grimsby Town win as well.

Hughes, who scored the Welsh winner, retains his place but Alan Davies, who created it for him, is unlikely to be chosen. United, seemingly so reluctant to overtake Liverpool, could do so since Everton, FA Cup finalists, are depleted, perhaps severely so. Ratcliffe and Curran are injured, Heath is suspended and Reid and Southall are doubtful.

City's promotion hopes are ended by Chelsea

By Peter Ball

Manchester City 0

Chelsea 2

Manchester City's faint hopes of promotion expired at Maine Road, last night, when Chelsea, who are already certain of playing in the first division next season, struck with two fine second goals from Nevin and Dixon.

The electronic scoreboard before the game announced that "City congratulations and welcome to the FA Cup semi-finalists" while, whatever the undoubted merit of their team, "seems somewhat akin to congratulating and welcoming the Waffen SS on their contribution to the war effort". But perhaps the ploy worked. For although there were reports of trouble outside before the start, the game began without any disturbing scenes inside the ground.

The presence of a large group standing in the wing seats of the main stand however held a barely concealed threat, and several City ticket holders followed the path of discretion, vacating their allotted places in favour of safer areas.

Their team, however, despite a disappointing start, which has reduced them to promotion outsiders, refused to be overawed. In the first half they matched their more successful rivals as they attacked Chelsea with some success down both flanks. Ranson and Power both made some fine runs to good effect but the weaknesses in front of goal which had played an important part in their recent decline were once again apparent.

Atkinson commented: "If Milan come up with a fee that we consider to be acceptable, we would consider a deal. If that were the case and Ray wanted to go, he could. But if he doesn't, then that is the end of the matter as far as I'm concerned."

Aberdeen in
search of
record tally

By Hugo Taylor

Aberdeen, the new Scottish League champions, have their minds firmly fixed on a record. With four matches left, they need three points to set a new total for the premier division held by Celtic and Dundee United with 56.

Aberdeen's current total is 54 and they should increase that by two at Pittodrie today - by beating Hibernian, who have been blowing hot and cold. Aberdeen, who are in action again tomorrow at Dundee, will be in the premier division title by beating Heart of Midlothian in midweek, will now rest some of their hard-pressed players before the Scottish Cup final against Celtic on May 19.

Celtic and Dundee United are seeking new blood for next season and this afternoon their representatives will again watch Alan McInally, the Ayr United forward, in action, and Kilmarnock at Pittodrie, Celtic's last Tykeside, where Hearts will be eager to win and make sure of a place in European competition next season.

Rangers, who have as visitors at Ibrox a Dundee team desperate for points in an effort to retain their premier division status, are not likely to show kindness to their former club. Celtic will be seeking revenge for a Scottish Cup defeat administered by the Tayside club. Rangers will field some of their promising youngsters, including the teenager Billy Davies, for their last home game of the season.

St Johnstone are in desperate straits and hope to secure two points against the doomed Motherwell at Perth to help them avoid relegation.

ICE HOCKEY

Onus on defence in a
Magnificent Seven

By Robert Pye

"I think Dundee are there to be had" for some time but, despite their reliance on a minimum number of players - "the Magnificent Seven or Eight" one observer has called them - they have somehow escaped each time. For three years they have won every one of the game's most interesting awards.

The Magnificent Seven again this weekend. Dundee are without Walker, who is serving as best man at a wedding in Toronto, and Pennycook, who is serving as an oilman in the North Sea. The most

obvious effect of these deprivations will be seen in defence, where Dundee will rely almost exclusively on Chris Brinsford and Alastair Wood. If the Rockets are to retain their title, this pair will have to play two full games in less than 24 hours, against the fastest-skating forwards in the British game.

The fastest of all may be Paul Tilley, who centres the most effective line in the league right now, for Durban Wizards. Dundee's opponents in this evening's game, Dampier, will set out relentlessly to exploit any inaccuracy in the Dundee defence.

Dundee are without Rod McNeil, their key defenceman, who is suspended from playing but will be allowed to coach. Ayr have been less than convincing away from the confines of their intimate little rink. If any team can end Dundee's dominance this weekend, it should be Murrayfield Racers.

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Sandy Island enters Oaks picture

By Michael Seely

Sandy Island became the new favourite for the Oaks at between 6-1 and 10-1 after an authoritative display in the Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarket yesterday. Ridden by Lester Piggott, Lord Howard de Waldens' Mill Reef filly drew clear of Rows of two furlongs from home. Finishing on strong, she went on to finish third by two-and-a-half lengths. Rows finished third and Triagonal fourth.

It was a faultless performance and Henry Cecil immediately announced the Musidora Stakes at York as "Sandy Island's next objective". "She can run the same family as Sir Percy Great and should make a useful staying filly". The four-times champion trainer said. There is no lack of stamina on the female side either. Sandy Island's dam, Savonaroa, won five races in Germany and also finished second in the German Oaks. Her half brother, Stayaway, won the German Derby.

On her only other racecourse appearance, Sandy Island had finished fifth to Mahogany in the Rockfield Stakes. It was interesting to hear from Georgina Tulloch, one of

the joint owners of the beaten favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, that Mahogany was found to have a temperature of 104° when returned to the stable.

"It's certainly a relief to know that something was wrong with the filly", Mrs Tulloch said.

The chief interest in the build-up to the Oaks will not be centred on the outcome of Savonaroa when Lord Porchester's May Hill Stakes winner takes on Sandy Island in the Musidora.

Sandy Island gave Cecil some consolation for his disappointment with Cartingford Castle and Simplicity, both of whom were withdrawn from the Jockey Club Stakes. The trainer was fined a statutory £150 for taking out Cartingford Castle because of the firm going and a veterinary certificate was produced on behalf of Simplicity. "He wrapped himself in his coat after describing it", the trainer said.

The race itself proved to be an exciting one. The much improved Gay Lemur was always going the best and beat Jupiter Island by a head in a driving finish. Band finished third and Salmon Leap, the favourite, a disappointing fourth. "Gay Lemur is improving all the time and has earned the right to go for the Coronation Cup", Bruce Hobbs, the trainer, said.

Vincent O'Brien had no real excuse to offer for Salmon Leap. "He certainly didn't like the ground, but it was still disappointing", the master of Ballydoyle said. "El Gran Señor is in good shape and certainly won't mind the firm going."

Salmon Leap had an uneventful afternoon with Rows and Dazzar, who could only finish fifth in the Jockey Club Stakes, but the Newmarket trainer had earlier received immense encouragement from the running of his two-year-olds. Top Socialite was beaten only three lengths by the 1983 Ron Roas' Queen Mary Stakes candidate, Lady Donna, in the Wilberham Stakes and Chantico, John Burns' Nottingham winner, gave a smooth display.

• My apologies are due to Salmon Leap's owners, Robert and Valerie Riddings, the owners of Golden Fleece and Lloyd's refusal to pay the insurance over the dead 1982 Derby winner. I said that Golden Fleece had been diagnosed as suffering from cancer in July last year. In point of fact I was told that the stallion had an attack of colic.

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O'Brien for home and away double

From Our Irish Correspondent Dublin

Vincent O'Brien is hoping to bring off a major home and away double this afternoon with two of his star classic colts, El Gran Señor and Sadlers Wells.

El Gran Señor has done everything asked of him so far, on the racecourse and in his home stables, and it will take something special to deprive him of his unbeaten record in 2000 Guineas.

Sadlers Wells, rated 510, his inferior in the international two-year-old classification, ran up to that rating when beaten two lengths by El Gran Señor and level eighth in the Jockey Club Stakes.

Sadlers Wells, who had won his two 1983 starts by wide margins, goes for the Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial at Leopardstown this afternoon. This will be the first time that Sadlers Wells has raced beyond a mile or on firm ground, but neither of these new factors should prevent him from scoring.

Darshaan to shine in Prix Hocquart

From Desmond Stansham, Paris

Darshaan looks impossible to oppose in tomorrow's Prix Hocquart at Longchamp, and the son of Shirley Heights should have no trouble in ouclassing his rivals. Long Mick should fill the runner-up position in front of his stable mate Greek Sky. Jeremy Tree has sent Fine Edge for the five furlong Hocquart, but the English colt may have to settle for second place behind Darshaan.

Alain de Royer-Dupre reports Darshaan in excellent shape and in a much fitter condition since his seasonal debut. This came in the 10-furlong Prix du Gouverneur at Chantilly, where he won by 10 lengths.

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Filly heads Kentucky Derby field

Louisville, Kentucky (Reuter) — The filly Althea is seeking to defy history in today's 110th Kentucky Derby, the first leg in the triple crown of United States thoroughbred racing. Only two fillies have ever won the 10 furlong race at Churchill Downs, and no favourite since Spectacular Bid in 1979.

Althea was established as the early 5-2 favourite after the "Grand National Devil's Bag", the 1972 two-year-old champion. Swale, the Florida Derby winner, is second choice at 3-1, followed by Taylor Special, the Blue Grass Stakes winner, at 7-2.

Althea is favourably drawn on the inside rail which guarantees that she will have to attempt to make all the running.

Newmarket results

Going: Good to firm

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41-1 PRETTY STAKES (3-y-o) 2000m

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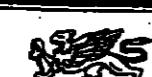
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A Times guide to curriculum changes

Wider outlook for independents

There was a time, say 30 years ago, when the public schoolboy had to study Latin up to O-level. The subject was essential for the education of a gentleman and, anyway, it was required for entry to Oxford and Cambridge universities.

Now all that has changed. The public school, once the great bastion of the nineteenth-century liberal arts education, is a modern-day powerhouse of scientific achievement. Boys, and increasingly girls, study the physical sciences as a matter of course, with many taking them at A-level, and the classics are options, with Greek especially on the wane.

Even King Edward's School, Birmingham, one of the most academic schools in the country, is dropping compulsory Latin. Mr Martin Rogers, its chief master, says that from September, boys can give up Latin when they make O-level subject choices.

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An as yet unpublished survey, based on a sample of 40 public schools belonging to the Headmasters' Conference, 40 preparatory schools and 40 girls' independent schools shows that at least one O-level science is required of all pupils. Science has also arrived in the prep schools and Latin has become an option at O-level.

Foreign languages
as a vehicle

Martin Rogers says that King Edward's is dropping compulsory Latin at O-level to enable boys to study another second language: German, Spanish or classical Greek. There is an increasing awareness in the independent sector that foreign languages must be encouraged vigorously or they will die, as is happening in the maintained system.

Sevenoaks School in Kent, for example, has introduced Spanish, and its headmaster, Richard Barker, says that many boys take a second modern language. One of the schools which is most dynamic about modern languages is Mill Hill in north London where a lot of boys do German and about 30 out of a year group of 100 take French a year early. These boys can then choose to do another A/O level or to study history or geography at O-level in the medium of French. The exam is set in French by special arrangement with the Oxford and Cambridge examining board.

As Alastair Graham, the headmaster of Mill Hill, explains it, teachers of a foreign language such as French treat the learning of the subject as an end in itself whereas languages are vehicles for something else. The result of running courses to

Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent, looks at new attitudes to the subjects taught by public schools

teach history or geography in French has been that many more boys have opted for a foreign language at A-level to combine, say, with natural sciences.

All this is made possible through an annual exchange which the school runs with an independent Roman Catholic school in Rouen. The 30 boys spend the whole of March of their second year living with French families and attending ordinary lessons with French children.

The independent girls' schools have always been good on languages and, if anything, this is intensifying. Anne Mustoe, president elect of the Girls Schools Association and headmistress of St Felix School in Southwold, says her school has decided to make it easier for girls to study a second language properly, apart from French. The first-year girls are to be offered another language as an alternative to French but will also be able to study French later in their school careers.

When Mrs Mustoe arrived at St Felix six years ago, she put Latin back on the timetable as a compulsory subject in the first two years. Classical Greek, which had vanished completely, was also restored and the school will reap its reward this year when a girl goes up to Oxford to read classics.

The really dramatic change in the independent school curriculum in the past two decades, the shift to the sciences, is nowhere more evident than in the girls' schools. Twenty years ago girls would have been studying, for example, chemistry and biology rather than foreign languages at O-levels and few would take it in the sixth form.

That has changed. In the first two years at St Felix, girls have to take six periods a week of integrated sciences (all three subjects) and in the third year they do physics, chemistry and biology as separate and compulsory subjects. For O-level, they are encouraged to do two sciences. "At the moment," says Mrs Mustoe, "it's not compulsory but I can see it coming."

Like many boys' schools, St Felix is very aware of the new technology. All girls do a course in simple computer programming in the third year to enable them to use the micro within the curriculum. There are only 14 micros for a total of 380 girls but the school plans to build a new craft, design and technology centre next year so girls can learn how to handle metals, plastics and wood. Mrs Heather Brigstocke, high mistress of St Paul's School for girls in London, makes the distinction between pure and applied science. She says the very

good girls' schools were always strong on pure science. The difference now is that they are proposing to introduce craft, design and technology. St Paul's will be opening a design and technology workshop next year as well as a new computer centre. Ironically, it is one of the few schools which still insists that all its girls do Latin O-level.

Because of their grammar school traditions the independent schools have ignored craft, design and technology, and many still continue to do so. By contrast the subject is strong in the maintained schools which have more of a secondary modern tradition. It is taking off in this sector in a big way now in conjunction with the new technologies and materials and with art. The thinking is that it is as important for the able children as for the less able.

One or two independent schools, such as Oundle and Felsted, have a tradition of woodwork and metalwork but they are in a small minority. Mill Hill is considering whether to develop craft, design and technology (CDT). A subject area about which there is less disagreement and which has burgeoned in the last 20 years is the creative arts. Once upon a time they were regarded as sissy and not good for boys who were being trained to rule the world on the rugby pitches. Now, however, they flourish.

The visual arts, music and drama are compulsory for many boys in the early years at independent schools (they have always been strong in the girls' schools) and are taught in impressive new art centres. Felsted School in Essex has an artist in residence who teaches 10 periods a week, spends a lot of time in the art room and stimulates activity.

A creative project
in arts or crafts

But such subjects tend not to be examined and there is a danger that they will be pushed out of the curriculum again by the pressure of examination subjects and the lack of funds. Martin Rogers says there are still not enough creative arts in the public schools. He has been meeting with a group of public school heads who hope to publish a report shortly arguing the case for the arts.

What the advent of this new subject area does illustrate is how much broader the curriculum has become in the last 20 years. At the same time there is a more clearly defined core curriculum. Schools are having to respond to parental pressure to teach subjects which have clear relevance to life and work but are also attempting to encourage creativity.

Edward Gould, headmaster of Felsted School, explains how every boy in his first year has to produce a creative project in arts or crafts.

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